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LAST ISSUE!**



January Field Trips

Sunday, January 1—Join a group for the *Urban Count!* Check this last month's *Lark Bunting* for planned trips around town.

Saturday, January 7

Driving tour for Raptors around Boulder County

Leaders: Deanna and Wayne Johnston (303-682-5662)

Meet at 0900 at Park 'n Ride at Hwy 287 and Niwot Rd. (from I-25, take Exit 235 (CO 52); go left at exit and west on CO 52 for 6.8 miles to Hwy 287; turn right (north) on Hwy 287; go 0.7 mile and turn left (west) on Niwot Rd.); ¾-day driving trip. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. They'll know where the birds are!

Sunday, January 8

Pueblo area

Leaders: Tammy and Ira Sanders (303-278-7172)

Meet at 0700 for *full* day of birding. Gather at Skyridge Hospital in Lone Tree, at corner of I-25 and Lincoln St. Bring lunch, snacks, and water plus State Parks Pass. Be ready for a *good* list of species.

Saturday, January 14

Walden Ponds, etc.

Leader: Ted Floyd (303-444-6363)

Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds' main parking lot. (From Denver, go west on U.S. 36 to Foothills Parkway exit (C157), then north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75th St.; go north on 75th past Valmont Rd. and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot.) Bring water and a snack. Wanderings to suit local conditions.

Sunday, January 15

Overland Park along the South Platte River

Leader: J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0800 at the parking lot on north side of Florida, just east of where Florida crosses the river. Bring lunch. We'll bird until 1400. Check Rare Bird Alert (303-659-8750) if weather is questionable. 15 species of duck possible!

Saturday, January 21

88th and the Platte River

Leader: Peggy Gonder (303-321-3465)

Meet at 0900 at the parking lot at 88th and the Platte. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Hopefully, many ducks will be gathering.

Sunday, January 22

Wheatridge Green Belt

Leader: Mike Foster (303-456-2647)

Meet at 0815 at Prospect Lake parking area (west from Kipling on 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge; turn south to first parking area at lake). Good viewing of waterfowl and winter residents – perhaps the Screech Owl. Half-day outing; lunch optional.

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January Field Trips, continued

Saturday, January 28 *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub (303-979-2194)

Meet at 0800 at fee station just inside entrance gate (from C470 take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles). State Parks Pass needed. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Time to look for *special* gulls.

Sunday, January 29 *Carson Nature Center*

Leader: Toni Rauters (303-422-7322)

Meet leader at 0800 at the center's parking lot, north of Mineral Ave., one block west of S. Santa Fe Dr. Half-day trip. Easy walking. Good for new birders.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane

Sunday January 1 (Christmas Bird Count) Barr Lake: contact Tony Leukering at GreatGrayOwl.com

Sunday January 1 Denver Urban Count: contact Hugh Kingery 303.814.2723

Monday January 2: Douglas County Count: contact Roxborough State Park 303.973.3959



If the thought of Jamaica in March (the picture on the left is the Jamaican state bird, the Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macrourus*) or Peru in September whets your birding appetite—you'd better get in touch with Norm Erthal.

Norm, a long-time mega birder, and a director of DFO, will lead both the trips to Jamaica and the Lesser Antilles March 25-April 12, and to Peru September 17-October 8. If you are interested, either call Norm at 303.917.2596, or email him at nertal@comcast.net

Colorado Field Ornithologists

**Wintering Birds of the Northern Plains: Pierre, South Dakota with Nathan Pipelow
January 13-16, 2006**

It has become an annual tradition for some to head to South Dakota in January to look for Gyrfalcon, Black-backed Woodpecker, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Gray Partridge and other special birds. This year's trip will leave on the evening of Friday, Jan. 13, 2006 and return on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 16 (Martin Luther King Day). If you are interested in this trip, please contact Nathan (npieplow@indra.com). The trip will be limited to twelve participants. We will be looking to carpool, so please indicate whether you are willing to drive.

November 2005 Field Trip Summaries

November 5, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:** Marv Colsman, Bob DeBoer, Gail Evans, Nancy Pinkert, Ted Pinkert, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0800-1000. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Open reservoir, riparian, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Overcast early, rain and sleet late, 35-40°F, north-northwest wind, to 20 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 299 individuals.

November 6, Sunday *Scoter Trip (SCO)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Andy Boyce, Marian Draughon, Mary Ewing, Allen Hagood, Charlie Lawrence, Nathan Pieplow, Polleke Siraa, Andrew Spencer, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine, Cole Wild. **Time:** 0630-1630. **Distance:** 348 miles by car. **Habitat:** Reservoirs, lakes. **Weather:** Mostly clear, west wind, 5-18 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 15710 individuals.

November 12, Saturday *Pawnee National Grassland, Lower Latham & Loloff Reservoirs (PAW)*

Leader(s): Ira and Tammy Sanders. **Observers:** Gordon Hodgson, Warren Finch and Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0700-1430. **Distance:** 250 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland, riparian, lakes. **Weather:** Clear, 44-59°F, north-northwest wind, 15-38 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 3180 individuals.

November 13, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)*

Leader(s): Urling and Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Leona Berger, Merikay Haggerty, Susan Robbins, Mary Ellen Sargent, Karen von Saltza. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, mixed ponderosa/douglas fir, grassland. **Weather:** Clear, 35-46°F, south wind, 15-40 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 312 individuals.

November 19, Saturday *Audubon Center at Chatfield (AUD)*

Leader(s): Sue Robbins. **Observers:** Jill Boice, Vaughn Hackett, Peggy and Derek Hankins, Doug Hodous, Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0830-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood groves, open meadows, ponds. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 44-46°F, northwest wind, 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 22 species, 211 individuals.

November 20, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Ben, Bruce, and Jonathan McKenney, Kathryn and Steve Smith. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Clear, 30-60°F, southwest wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 1908 individuals.

November 25, Friday *Platte River Greenway (PLA)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mike Foster, Allen Hagood, Andy Hill, Barbara Hill, Robert Hill, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, sunny, 40-55°F, northwest wind, 2-5 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 982 individuals.

November 26, Saturday *Belmar Historic Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Inga Brennan, Barbara and Robert Hill, Janet Johnston, Betty Minges, Neil Montague, Susan Robbins, Megan Robbins, Jerry Robinson, Sue Schulman, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, grassland, cattail marsh, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 40-50°F, calm. **Totals:** 31 species, 405 individuals.

November 27, Sunday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** Mary Burger, J Arnold, Patty Echelmeyer, Gene Ellis, Robert Hill, Andy Hill, Patty Hill, Barbara Hill, Chuck Lowrie, Kristin Salamach, Dick Schottler. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Aquatic, riverine, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Cloudy to clear, 32-40°F, north wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 327 individuals.

• **Prevalence** – the proportion of people in a population who have a disease at a particular point in time

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5	6	12	13	19	20	25	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	CHE	SCO	PAW	CAS	AUD	BAR	PLA	BEL	CHA	WHE	SOU	-	STO	RED	
Common Loon	2	19									4				25
Pied-billed Grebe	10	5			5					3	3				26
Horned Grebe	6	2	4												12
Eared Grebe	13	150													163
Western Grebe	33	18									3				54
Clark's Grebe		5													5
American White Pelican	4		2												6
Double-crested Cormorant	11					2									13
Great Blue Heron	9				4			1			3				17
Black-crowned Night-Heron										1					1
Snow Goose			2			18									20
"White morph"			2			14									(16)
"Blue morph"						4									(4)
Canada Goose		24	200	2	17	500	210	120	200	90	18		145		1526
Cackling Goose			8					6							14
Gadwall	15	62	20		6	12	50	12	4	15	24		2		222
American Wigeon		60	20		2	10	15			35	74				216
Mallard	6	169	320		48	400	110	14	4	25	94		49		1239
Duck sp		6000						1							6001
Northern Shoveler		6	50		2	200	95	65		10	22		60		510
Northern Pintail			3		3	300	115				8				429
Green-winged Teal	1	2	12			50	95		10		14				184
Canvasback			50												50
Redhead		1	12							6					19
Ring-necked Duck		12	2							1	40				55
Lesser Scaup		2	10			6		5	3						26
Surf Scoter		2													2
Bufflehead	11	860	8				20			3	10				912
Common Goldeneye		1			6		10	4					1		22
Hooded Merganser					7			9		10	5				31
Common Merganser	1	2								1					4
Red-breasted Merganser		10													10
Ruddy Duck		10	10							2					22
Osprey	1														1
Bald Eagle						1									1
Northern Harrier		2	10			2	2								16
Sharp-shinned Hawk													1	1	2
Cooper's Hawk			1										2	1	4
Red-tailed Hawk			1	1	2	3		1	4		1		3	1	17
western races								1	4						(5)
"Harlan's" race													1		(1)
Rough-legged Hawk															0
buteo sp.										1					1
Golden Eagle									1						1
American Kestrel	2		2	1	1	4	1	1			4		4	1	21
Merlin			1												1

November 2005 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	6 CHE	6 SCO	12 PAW	13 CAS	19 AUD	20 BAR	25 PLA	26 BEL	27 CHA	1 WHE	8 SOU	15 -	22 STO	29 RED	
Northern Bobwhite				1											1
American Coot	31	8000	30		5	2		1		15	32				8116
Killdeer			3				5		2		1				11
Long-billed Dowitcher															0
Red-necked Phalarope															0
Pomarine Jaeger	2														2
Bonaparte's Gull	3	4	10												17
Ring-billed Gull	13	2	210	6	3	300	75	58	20	80	8		1		776
California Gull	1	6	5				6	1	1						20
Herring Gull		2							1						3
gull sp.		12													12
Rock Pigeon	14		1	5			35	22	2				1	33	113
Mourning Dove													3		3
Great Horned Owl			1							1			1		3
Rufous Hummingbird															0
Belted Kingfisher	2					1		1	1	3	3		1		12
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" race	2			2		1		1		1	1		1		9 (1)
Hairy Woodpecker															0
Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race	7		6 1 (5)	2 (2)	5	6 (6)		7 (7)	4	8	9		14	4	72 (1) (20)
Buff-breasted Flycatcher															0
Northern Shrike							1						1	1	3
Steller's Jay				1											1
Blue Jay				1		3		1		2			2		9
Western Scrub-Jay				3										8	11
Pinyon Jay		200													200
Clark's Nutcracker		10													10
Black-billed Magpie	12		5	16	7	2	3	5	2	5	7		10	5	79
American Crow	3	7		32	3			6	10	2	2				65
Chihuahuan Raven															0
Common Raven		4							1					4	9
Horned Lark		12	2100						3						2115
Black-capped Chickadee	3	2		6	3	3		2		4	4		9	4	40
Mountain Chickadee				12					3						15
Bush-tit														25	25
Red-breasted Nuthatch				8											8
White-breasted Nuthatch				11						2	1				14
Pygmy Nuthatch				3											3
Brown Creeper			1	2				4	2	2	1				12
Canyon Wren														2	2
American Dipper														1	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1	1		2				1	5
Townsend's Solitaire				12										8	20
American Robin			6	20				1		3			2	40	72
European Starling	27		1	31	40	8	15	43	10		50		3		228
Spotted Towhee				2										1	3

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	5	6	12	13	19	20	25	26	27		1	8	15	22	29	
	CHE	SCO	PAW	CAS	AUD	BAR	PLA	BEL	CHA		WHE	SOU	-	STO	RED	
American Tree Sparrow	20			6	1	15	28		8			2				80
Fox Sparrow																0
Song Sparrow	5				6	4	4	2	4		2	3		1	5	36
White-crowned Sparrow						2						1				3
Dark-eyed Junco			6	64			4	1	4		7			8	75	169
"White-winged" race				3												(3)
"Slate-colored" race				(8)												(8)
"Oregon" race				(8)										1		(9)
"Pink-sided" race			6	34												(40)
"Gray-headed" race				10												(10)
junco race				1												(1)
McCown's Longspur			10													10
Lapland Longspur			20													20
Red-winged Blackbird	2	25	6	6	35	18	45		2			39				178
Western Meadowlark			10			1										11
House Finch	17			4		6	25	7	15		5	19		33	12	143
Pine Siskin				46												46
American Goldfinch	10			6		18			6		1	1		3		45
House Sparrow			1			10	12	2				13		1		39
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	299	15710	3180	312	211	1908	982	405	327		348	524	0	362	233	24,801
TOTAL SPECIES	33	34	41	29	22	31	25	31	27		32	35	0	27	21	89
OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only; c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated																

DFO Board votes to increase membership dues

In an effort to get the Lark Bunting to our members in a more timely fashion, the Board voted to use first class mail rather than bulk mail for our newsletter. We have had to increase dues by \$5 to absorb some of this cost. This will result in a more prompt delivery of your Lark Bunting. Anyone who has already renewed their membership will not be billed the additional \$ for their membership - but with the new application in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*, the new dues go into effect.) Tamie Bulow *Note from the editor, although first class mail is fast, nothing beats email (cheaper too!)*

Welcome New Members: Polly Svenson, 2443 S. Kirkwood Ct., Denver, CO 80222, 303.756.8717, Wendy Marie Stuart, 6050G Gunbarrel, Boulder, CO 80301, 303.530.2011

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Thank you—we could not offer these services without your support.

Additional Reports, November 2005

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Loon, red-throated	11/13	1 ad basic	Eleven Mile Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner
Loon, pacific	11/13	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Loon, yellow-billed	11/5	1 imm	Standley Lake	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Lisa Edwards, Mark Peterson, Glenn Walbek, Peter Gent
Loon, yellow-billed	11/8-20	1 imm - likely same bird	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Grebe, red-necked	11/5	1 ad basic	Standley Lake	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak, Lisa Edwards, Mark Peterson, Glenn Walbek, Peter Gent
Grebe, red-necked	11/13	1 juv molting to 1st winter	Eleven Mile Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner
Grebe, red-necked	11/13	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Swan, tundra	11/18	6	Eleven Mile Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Swan, tundra	11/17	4+1 imm	Marston Reservoir	Denver	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Scoter, surf	11/4	3 imm or f	Standley Lake	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek, Tony Leukering
Scoter, surf	11/13-18	1 m, 2 f	Eleven Mile Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner
Scoter, surf	11/18	2 imm/f type	Spinney Mountain Reservoir	Park	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Scoter, surf	11/19	3 imm/f type	McClellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner
Scoter, surf	11/22-26	1 imm/f type	Chatfield Res./Chatfield Arb.	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Scoter, white-winged	11/17-26	1 imm/f type	Aurora Rampart Range Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
N.Goshawk	11/26	1 terrorizing feeder birds	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
Crane, sandhill	11/10	8 flyover	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Jaeger, pomarine	11/2-11/07 11/08-11/18	2 1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Curlew, long-billed	11/2	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Gull, lesser bl-backed	11/20	1 3rd winter	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Owl, long-eared	11/24	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Woodpecker, Lewis's	11/27	1	Franktown	Douglas	Ron Kmiecik
<u>Redstart, painted</u>	11/18	1 ad (1st rec. in 30+ ys)	New Castle, Colorado	Garfield	Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek, Ric Olson, Andrew Spencer
Finch, purple	11/27	1	Franktown	Douglas	Urling and Hugh Kingery

Additional Reports October 2005

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Pacific Loon	10/30	1	Blue Reservoir		Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Neotropic Cormorant	10/30	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Northern Goshawk	10/16	1 imm	Jumbo Reservoir	Logan, Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Broad-winged Hawk	10/2	1	Flaggler SWA		Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Ira Sanders, Tammy Sanders, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence
Ruffed Grouse	10/22	1f, 2m	Hoy Mountain	Moffat	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Ira Sanders, Cole Wild, Joe mammoser, Steve mammoser, Lisa Edwards
Greater Sage-grouse	10/23	7	Moffat County Roads	Moffat	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Ira Sanders, Cole Wild, Joe mammoser, Steve mammoser, Lisa Edwards
Blue Grouse	10/22	2	Hoy Mountain	Moffat	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Ira Sanders, Cole Wild, Joe mammoser, Steve mammoser, Lisa Edwards
Greater Prairie-chicken	10/16	2	Cty Rd. 67, 1mi. n of RR tracks	Logan	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer
Willet	10/30	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Long-billed Curlew	10/30	1	Blue Reservoir		Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek; LATE!
Dunlin	10/16	1 juv	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer; 1st basic, reddish-brown tertials and primaries
Pomarine Jaeger	10/3-27	up to 2 juv	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Lesser Black-backed Gull	10/14, 28	1 ad	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	10/3-14	2 juv	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Carolina Wren	10/30	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek; calling
Carolina Wren	10/30	1	behind Lamar Comm. Coll.	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Sage Thrasher	10/29	1 ad	County Rd. 3, east of 5	Douglas	Bob Brown
Sprague's Pipit	10/2	1	n of Republican River, w of rd. running n of Hale	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Ira Sanders, Tammy Sanders, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Charlie Lawrence
Fox Sparrow	10/30	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek; eastern "illiacs" race
Fox Sparrow	10/21	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner; mountain race
Lincoln's Sparrow	10/7	1	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild
Swamp Sparrow	10/7	1	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild
White-throated Sparrow	10/7	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner, Mark Peterson, Cole Wild; white-striped race
White-throated Sparrow	10/16	1	Washington Cty Rd. 56	Washington	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer; tan-striped race

These October sightings arrived too late to include in the December Lark Bunting.



Colorado State Park Passes are now available on line.

As they say in their reminder message : "For only \$55 you can wrap up the outdoors and give a gift that lasts the whole year". You can renew your pass automatically at http://coparks-ippss.state.co.us/ippss_public/?MIval=/ippss/home.

So many of the DFO Field Trips visit Colorado State Parks, and this quick renewal process will save you time in the short and long run!



This letter to the editor from Ms. Bonnell is looking for help from local birders.

Dear Veronica,

I am an Education Park Ranger for the City of Aurora, CO. I would really like to emphasize the great birding in our parks and Natural Areas. One way I thought to do that would be post a checklist for birds of Aurora on our website. Do you know if such a list exists anywhere? Or would I need to start from scratch? I thought I would talk to the experts first.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance, Mary Ann Bonnell

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" A Birder's New Year's Resolutions for 2006

January 4, 2006: Bill Schmoker, Vice President of Colorado Field Ornithologists, teacher, and photographer, discusses his plans for the New Year.

"Wildlife Photography: Art and Ethics" February 1, 2006



Bruce Gill, a 4th generation Coloradoan, grew up in Montrose got bachelor's and master's degrees from CSU in wildlife biology. His master's thesis being on the Sage Grouse in North Park. From 1966 to 2001 he was employed by Colorado Division of Wildlife in wildlife research.

Author of many articles and books about wildlife ecology and management he was taking photos all the while.

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Meeting will be held in the third floor classroom, Room 301, they are free and open to the general public.



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It is said that to see the birds of Europe one of the essential birding destinations is Spain during Spring migration. In May 2005 Norm led a group of Denver birders on such an trip. He will show slides and talk about this adventure. Norm has organized trips to Alaska, Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago, Ecuador, Galapagos and Australia. His future trips include plans to Jamaica, Peru, Kenya, and others. Come enjoy an evening with a truly international birder.

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February Field Trips

Saturday, February 4 *Castlewood Area and Kingery's Feeders*

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723

Meet leaders at 0800 on Castlewood Canyon Road and Colorado Hwy. 86. Will bird the area near Castlewood then have lunch at the Kingery's place and watch their feeders. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Contact leaders for directions.

Sunday, February 5 *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265

Meet leader at 0800 at the west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High School. Bring water and wear warm hiking shoes or boots for a half-day trip. Dress warmly! Parks Pass required.

Saturday, February 11 *South Platte Ramblings*

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg: 303-699-1721

Meet leader at 0830 at E. 88th and the Platte River. From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit, go west on 88th for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. This will be a half day trip so lunch is optional. Plan to see lots of waterfowl and raptors.

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February Field Trips, continued

Sunday, February 12 *Boulder County – Raptors*

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston, 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park-n-Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52). Turn left at exit heading west on Hwy 52, go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287. Turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go 0.7 miles then turn left on Niwot Rd. This will be a driving tour of Boulder County/Longmont area looking for raptors. Three-quarter day trip, bring lunch.

Saturday, February 18 *Lakes Along the Foothills*

Leader: Alison Kondler, 303-904-9140

Meet leader at 0830 in the Parking lot near the Conoco Gas Station at Morrison and C-470. This will be a half day trip so lunch is optional. Will check out the waterfowl and hawks at the lakes from Bear Creek to Waterton Canyon

Sunday, February 19 *Roxborough State Park*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center for a three and a half-hour walking tour on an easy trail. Participants should see golden eagles and species common in the foothills. State Parks Pass required or \$5 entrance fee per car. Lunch will be optional but there is a beautiful place to sit on the patio and watch the birds as you eat lunch. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Ram-part Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles). This is an excellent trip for novice birders and new members.

Saturday, February 25 *South Platte River Wanderings*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0730 at the South Platte Park's Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. This trip may go past lunch so bring a lunch and drinking water. Participants will bird South Platte Park, McClellan Reservoir and other places of interest in the surrounding area.

Sunday, February 26 *Bird Watching for the Novice*

Leader: Karlene Schofield, 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0900 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd at West Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go two blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to the lake. Trip will end before noon so lunch is optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Bring binoculars and field guide.

Scheduled by Jackie King and compiled by Cris Cook

D.F.O. Raptor Photography Workshop with W. Perry Conway

Saturday, November 5, 2005, dawned with rain in Denver, snow in the Foothills, cloudy skies, and high winds. None of this was in the previous night's weather forecast. What a day for photography!

The day would be what it would be and after a squall line, with winds of 30-35 mph blew through midmorning, the sun began to gain the upper hand and Perry and 15 amateur and professional photographers had a wonderful day of "shooting" captive Bald and Golden Eagles, a Peregrine Falcon in flight (no simple task), Harris's and Red-tailed Hawks, and Snowy, Barn, Great Horned, and Burrowing Owls. All of this took place in the Boulder area and by sunset we had had an amazing eleven hour day of observation, learning, and photography, and D.F.O. even got six to eight new members out of the deal. If there is interest, it may all happen again next Fall.

Chris Blakeslee, (303) 694-4670

December 2005 Field Trip Summaries

December 3, Saturday *Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Buzz Schaumberg. **Observers:** Lyn Graves, Toni Rautus. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pond, pine trees. **Weather:** Overcast to partly sunny, 20-25°F. **Totals:** 20 species, 442 individuals.

December 4, Sunday *White Ranch and Clerk Creek Open Space (WHI)*

Leader(s): Paul Slingsby. **Observers:** Susan Barnhart, Jim Duggan, Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Vaughn Hackett, Nina Routh. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, foothills, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 12°F, west wind, 5 mph morning, 20 mph afternoon. **Totals:** 43 species, 861 individuals.

December 11, Sunday *Denver County Waste Sites and Wildlife Areas (DEN)*

Leader(s): Charles Thornton-Kolbe. **Observers:** Mel and Elaine Emeigh, Alison Konaler, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence, Charlie Jordan. **Time:** 0700-1230. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban areas including rivers, lakes, marsh, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 40-60°F, little wind. **Totals:** 40 species, 1160 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

December 6 Cancelled due to inclement weather

December 13 *Hudson Gardens and South and North on South Platte Bicycle Path (HUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 27 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, cattails, Russian olive, gardens, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 38-47°F, southwest wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 713 individuals.

Additional Reports, December 2005

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Loon, Yellowbilled	12/3	1 imm	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Bill Schmoker, Jim Schmoker
Scooter, Black	12/3	1 ad f	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Bill Schmoker, Jim Schmoker
Goldeneye, Barrows	12/9	17 (8m, 9f)	Dillon / Silverthorne	Summit	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Doug Faulkner
Gull, Franklin's	12/27	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gull, Mew	12/13	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gull, Glaucous	12/2	1, 1st w	Jumbo Reservoir	Logan, Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	12/22-26	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Phoebe, Say's	12/3	1	9600 S. Estes Way	Jefferson	Kellner, Joey

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS				
	3 PAR	4 WHI	11 DEN	13 HUD	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe		1			1
Great Blue Heron			2	6	8
Black-crowned Night-Heron		6		7	13
Cackling Goose			100		100
Goose sp		5			5
Canada Goose	250	323	600	300	1473
Gadwall		22	10	15	47
American Wigeon		16	3	1	20
Mallard	2	39	25	102	168
Northern Shoveler	40	60	40	7	147
Northern Pintail				8	8
Green-winged Teal		2	16	37	55
Redhead		5			5
Ring-necked Duck	15	6	12	2	35
Lesser Scaup		1		2	3
Bufflehead		3	20	5	28
Common Goldeneye	8	25	25	10	68
Hooded Merganser		28	5	12	45
Common Merganser		22	2		24
Bald Eagle		1			1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	2	2	8
Ferruginous Hawk					0
Golden Eagle		2			2
American Kestrel		1	7		8
Martin				1	1
American Coot		20	1	9	30
Killdeer		2	5	7	14
Long-billed Dowitcher					0
Wilson's Snipe				1	1
Red-necked Phalarope					0
Ring-billed Gull	3	57	70	7	137
Rock Pigeon		26	25	50	101
Mourning Dove		9			9
Rufous Hummingbird					0
Belted Kingfisher		6	6	3	15
Downy Woodpecker	3	2			5
Hairy Woodpecker					0
Northern Flicker	35	14	6	8	63
"Red-shafted" race	(35)				(35)

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Buff-breasted Flycatcher					0
Steller's Jay		2			2
Blue Jay	7		2		9
Black-billed Magpie	1	7	12	8	28
American Crow	2	25	40	7	74
Common Raven		9			9
Black-capped Chickadee	7	9	5	3	24
Bush-tit			20		20
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1			1
White-breasted Nuthatch		3			3
Brown Creeper		2		1	3
Marsh Wren			1		1
American Dipper			1		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		1
Townsend's Solitaire		1			1
American Robin	9	3	1	2	15
European Starling		47	20	40	107
American Tree Sparrow	30		30		60
Fox Sparrow					0
Song Sparrow	2	4	9	7	22
White-crowned Sparrow			6		6
Dark-eyed Junco	4	33	15	26	78
"Slate-colored" race				1	(1)
"Oregon" race				1	(1)
"Pink-sided" race	4	(33)			(37)
Red-winged Blackbird	2		1	1	4
Western Meadowlark			1		1
House Finch	1	4	2	8	15
American Goldfinch		4	1		5
House Sparrow	20		10	8	38
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	442	861	1160	713	3,176
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Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge.



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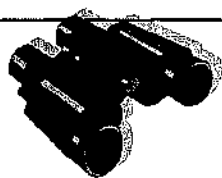
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Spanish Imperial Eagle

Meetings are held in Room 301 Denver Museum of Nature & Science at 20th and Colorado Blvd. at 7:30pm. Park on the north side of the building and enter through the volunteer/security door. Meeting are free and open to the public.



March Field Trips

Saturday, March 4 Guanella Pass

Leader: Nathan Pieplow; Call or e-mail Allison Hilf to sign up: ahilf@aol.com (303) 888-5110.

We will head up to Guanella Pass to look for White-tailed Ptarmigan in their winter habitat. Snowshoes are highly recommended. Be prepared for cold, windy weather. Call or e-mail Allison Hilf for meeting time and location: ahilf@aol.com (303) 888-5110.

Sunday, March 5 Chatfield State Park

Leader: Glenn Walbek (303) 841-8251.

Meet leader at 0730 at swim beach parking area (from C470 take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles). State Parks Pass needed. The swim beach parking area is located just past the stop sign on the main entrance road. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

Saturday, March 11 Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Marilyn Rowe (303) 659-8069

Meet leader at 0800 at Barr Lake Nature Center (I-76 to Bromley Lane; go east to Picadilly Road, then south to the park entrance). State Parks Pass needed; Half-day trip.

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March Field Trips, continued

Sunday, March 12

Walden Ponds/Boulder

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-2647.

Meet leader at 0800 at Walden ponds' main parking lot. (From Denver, go west on US 36 to Foothills Parkway (Exit C157), then north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75th Street; go north on 75th past Valmont Road and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Half-day trip. Bring water and a snack.

Saturday, March 18 Cherokee Ranch

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303) 757-7000

Meet leader at 0800 at the Sedalia Post Office (US 85 to Manhart St/SR67; go .2 miles and turn right on Douglas Ave). May include small admission fee. Half-day trip.

Sunday, March 19 Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz (303) 680-3381.

Meet leader at 0730 at the marina parking area. Marina is near the west park entrance. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27

Kearney, Nebraska - Sandhill Cranes and Greater Prairie Chicken Lek

Leader: Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110; ahilf@aol.com

Call or e-mail leader for details. We will meet in Kearney, Nebraska. Leader will already be in Kearney, so car-pooling is up to individuals. We will visit Rowe Sanctuary to watch Sandhill Cranes from a viewing blind and we will visit a Greater Prairie Chicken Lek. We may also visit various Rainwater Basin locations for waterfowl. The number of trip participants is limited; call well in advance.

Point Pelee, Kirtland's Warbler and Spring Eastern Migrants

Saturday, May 20 to Sunday May 28, 2006

Leader: Joey Kellner; Audubon Society of Greater Denver

There is nothing like seeing many of North America's eastern warblers in their spectacular breeding plumage. Hearing the birds singing their beautiful songs on a bright spring morning can be spellbinding. The numbers of individual migrants should be impressive as well as the number of species. Twenty five to 30 plus species of warbler are possible.

Some of North America's greatest migrant traps including Point Pelee and Crane Creek will be explored as we look for warblers, cuckoos, bitterns, rails and shorebirds.

A typical day will find us birding early in the morning with a light breakfast "on the go," lunches will be either sit-down or take-out depending upon location and how the migration is going that day. Dinners will always be sit-down and relaxing. After dinner we'll tally the day's list and talk about the birds seen and what the next day has in store. If there is interest, night birds may be listened for at several locations.

Cost is \$1,650 per person for double occupancy. Add \$400 if you prefer single occupancy. Fee includes all meals, transportation during the trip (airfare to Detroit not included), guide services, and entry fees. Space is limited; call ASGD (303) 973-9530 to register. Call Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110 for more information.

January 2006 Field Trip Summaries

January 7, Saturday *Raptors in Boulder County (BOU)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Bob Shade, Tom Berger, Mary Berger, Sue Schulman, Dick Pratt, Luke Martin, Mike Martin, Marcia Millikan. **Time:** 6 hours. **Distance:** 50 miles by car. **Totals:** 9 species, 54 individuals.

January 8, Sunday *Pueblo Area (PUE)*

Leader(s): Ira Sanders and Tammy Sanders. **Observers:** John Bretsch, Warren Finch, Charlie Lawrence, Brandon Percival, Dick Schottler, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine, Pamela Tarrall, Mark Winfrey. **Time:** 0815-1445. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, river, city park. **Weather:** Clear, 32-60°F, west northwest wind, 13-38 mph. **Totals:** 49 species, 802 individuals.

January 14, Saturday *Walden Ponds (WAL)*

Report not available at time of printing.

January 15, Sunday *South Platte River- Florida Ave to Mineral Ave (SOU)*

Leader(s): JB Hayes. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Jean Davis, Bill Eden, Melissa Mimier-King. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Industrial riparian and ponds, elevation 5150'. **Weather:** Clear, bright sunny, 36-50°F, west wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 1108 individuals.

January 21, Saturday *South Platte River - 88th Ave to 74th Ave (SPR)*

Leader(s): Peggy Gonder. **Observers:** Ed Holub, Bob Shade, Karen von Saltza, Sandy Gold, Chuck Walters, Frances Sperl. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Overcast, 25-35°F, northwest wind, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 2195 individuals.

January 22, Sunday *Wheat Ridge Green Belt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Bill Eden, Leslie Gerard, Kathanne Lynch, Patti O'Neill, Dick Prickett, Phil Rogers. **Time:** 0815-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, urban park, lake. **Weather:** Clear, cold. **Totals:** 30 species, 980 individuals.

January 28, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Warren Finch. **Observers:** Fred Alderman, Dan Brachear, Patty Echlemeyer, Georgia Hart, Jill Holden, Ed Holub, Joey Kellner, Allison Kondler, Pam Little, Diane Mullineaux, Lynne Price, Mary Ellen Sargent, Bob Shade, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Weather:** Clear, 26-39°F, north wind, 0-19 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 329 individuals.

January 29, Sunday *Carson Nature Center (CAR)*

Leader(s): Toni Rautus. **Observers:** Margie Jost, Daniel Jost, Trish Schumacher, Marilyn Binkley, Dave Binkley, Nina Routh, Susan Barnhart, Lyn Graves, Vaughn Hackett, Debra Fine, Terry Garth, Peter Spanberger, Mary Jane Biederbach, Christ Honnen, Meredith Anderson, Bill Eden. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, streams, ponds. **Weather:** Partly sunny, 36°F, northwest wind, 25-35 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 431 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

January 10 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 34 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1100. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 34-52°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 17 species, 808 individuals.

January 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

January 17 *South Platte River and 88th (SOU)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, bicycle trail, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 39-51°F, west wind, 10-40 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 511 individuals.

January 24 *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 37-49°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 1555 individuals.

January 31 *South Platte Park (SPR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Clear to partly sunny, 40-51°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 543 individuals.

52nd Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count

Day, Date, and Time: Saturday, December 17, 2005, 6:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler **Feeder Coordinators:** Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones

Weather: Cloudy, light snow. **Temperature:** 0 to 25 deg. F. **Wind:** variable, 0 to 15 mph. **Snow Cover:** 0 to 12"

Still Water: Partly open **Moving Water:** Partly open, **Observers:** 105 (74 in 25 parties, 31 watchers at 29 feeders), **Total Party Hours:** 164.5 (89 on foot, 75.5 by car). **Total Party Miles:** 722.5 (67.5 on foot, 655 by car)

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 92.5. **Count Totals:** 92 species; 37,444 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in bold):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Bill Brockner, **Bob Brown**, Tom Casadevall, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Mary Siders
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): **Tamie Bulow**, Patty Echelmeyer
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Gale Evans, Kay Niyo, Ira Sanders, **Karl Stecher**
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Ruth Breckon, Tim Brown, **Ed Holub**, Leonard Schlenz
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): **Warren Finch**, Dick Pratt, Robert Shade
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): **Randy Lentz**
- Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Nan Campbell, Steve Campbell, Elaine Emeigh, Mel Emeigh, Jill Holden, **Hugh Kingery**, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard
- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): Tina Jones, **Joey Kellner**, Charles Lawrence, Andrew Spencer
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): Dave Binkley, **Marilyn Binkley**, Jim Duggan, Lyn Graves, Allison Hilf, Toni Rautus, Nina Routh, Paul Slingsby
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Michaelle Griffin, Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, **Lynn Willcockson**
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): (Area not counted)
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): **Amy Davis**, Tim Davis, Veronica Holt
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Larry Modesitt, **Dick Schottler**
- Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Margie Bailey, Bob Holmes, Jeanette Stram, Lynn Vaseleski, **Sherman Wing**
- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Gene Rutherford**
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Susan Chancellor, Kevin Corwin, **Alison Kondler**
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): (Area not counted)
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**, Jo Patton
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): **Doris Cruze**, Doug Hodous, Paul Thayer, Phoebe Thayer, Dennis Wojcicki
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Mary Burger, Jill Parker, **Karleen Schofield**

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52nd Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count, continued

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Carol Chapman, Betty Chrisman, Dee DeJong, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Marjory Friedman, Betty & Stan Harwood, Tina Jones, Bill Karsell, Mike Kinsey, Lila Kint, Judy Lane, Kurt Lani, Chris & Carol Markley, Dick Masteller, Ann Means, Jake Mola, Lowrey Mumford, Doreen Near, John Presler, Leon Rollen, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Candy Vallado, Donald Wargo.

2005 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS, by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 2005 Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) that took place on December 17th, the 52nd consecutive year that the Denver Field Ornithologists has conducted a Christmas Count within the same 15-mile diameter Count circle established in 1954 and centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. The weather on Count day was gray and cold with light snow, calm to moderate winds, and overcast skies. Two foothill areas were not counted this year for lack of volunteer leaders. A third area, Upper South Platte, was only partially counted due to the retirement of Carolyn Cooley from Lockheed-Martin and the compiler's inability to locate another birder-employee to cover the plant area. Even with the less-than-ideal weather, frozen lakes, and incomplete coverage, a respectable 37,444 individual birds of 92 species were recorded by 74 field observers and 31 feeder watchers. One new species, Eurasian Collared-Dove, was added to the cumulative Denver CBC list in 2005 - Ed Holub found a pair in area 4A. The total species seen since 1954 thus goes to 193. The only other "rare" bird (seen on less than 10% of the previous Counts) was a Hermit Thrush (3rd record) found by the Kingery's in area 7B. "Uncommon" birds seen this year included Barrow's Goldeneye (area 8), Eared Grebe (area 4A), Black-crowned Night-Heron (area 4B), Brown Thrasher (area 7A), and Common Grackle (area 3).

Record-high individual numbers were established for only three species: Cackling Goose (1107 vs. 491 in 2004), Sharp-shinned Hawk (16; previous high 11 in both 1987 and 2000), and American Robin (the 2489 seen this year more than doubles the previous high of 1198 set in 1987! By comparison, only 62 were counted in 2004). It should be noted that this is only the 2nd year Cackling Geese have been "counted", and reliable field criteria for separating the large race of Cackling Geese from the small race of Canada Geese (both of which regularly winter in Colorado) are still being developed. Several species were seen in fewer than usual numbers this year probably due, at least in part to the negative conditions mentioned in the first paragraph above. These included Common Merganser (17 is the lowest since 1961; the average for the previous decade is 1003), Black-capped Chickadee (274 is the lowest since 1975 and is only 53% of the previous 10 year average), Pine Siskin (20 is the lowest since 1972), and House Sparrow (485 is lowest since 1969). For the first year since 1954 (the first year of the present Count) not a single Rough-legged Hawk was seen, and Marsh Wren was missed for the first time since 1989.

The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were: 1. Canada Goose (16,693), 2. Ring-billed Gull (3,392), 3. Robin (2,489), 4. Mallard (1,823), 5. Dark-eyed Junco (1,462), 6. Starling (1,316), 7. House Finch (1,197), 8. Cackling Goose (1,011), 9. Crow (944), 10. Rock Pigeon (777). Together, these ten species accounted for 83 percent of the birds counted, with Canada/Cackling Geese alone representing 47 percent of the total. One additional species, Red Crossbill, was observed in the Count circle during Count Week but not on the 17th.

As compiler of the 52nd Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts made this Count a success, to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts once again in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the feeder results. Finally, a much deserved thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome refreshments after a cold day in the field. This was the 11th year they have done this for us, and as always, it was a great way to wrap up the Count.

January 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	10	17	24	31	
	BOU	PUE	WAL	SOU	SPR	WHE	CHA	CAR	DEN	SOU	CHE	SPR	
Pied-billed Grebe		2		5		1		6				7	21
Horned Grebe		5											5
American White Pelican											1		1
Great Blue Heron					2		1	1				1	5
Black-crowned Night-Heron				12									12
Greater White-fronted Goose							1						1
Snow Goose		1											1
"White morph"		1											(1)
Canada Goose		200		650	825	589		35	600	90	1000	140	4129
Cackling Goose				2									2
Wood Duck		40											40
Gadwall				22	150	14	11	19		65		20	301
American Wigeon		100		12	25	6	5	6		2		6	162
Mallard		30		27	150	54	21	38		52		76	448
Northern Shoveler		2		120	375	75	10	17		26		24	649
Northern Pintail					235		5			85			325
Green-winged Teal				30	155	2	8	24		60		36	315
Ring-necked Duck		1		15	5	12		6		2		8	49
Lesser Scaup				2	2	15		2				3	24
Bufflehead		86		20	16	4	3	24				10	163
Common Goldeneye		22		30	45	18	55	13		2	100	16	301
Barrow's Goldeneye					2								2
Hooded Merganser		16		18		15	2	16				4	71
Common Merganser		15			5		8				200	35	263
Red-breasted Merganser							4						4
Bald Eagle	4						3	2		1	10		20
Northern Harrier	4				3					3	1		11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1												1
Red-tailed Hawk	21	7		2	1		4		3	1	2	2	43
western races				(1)									(1)
"Harlan's" race				1									(1)
Ferruginous Hawk	1												1
Rough-legged Hawk											1	1	2
buteo sp.											1		1
Golden Eagle	5								1		1		7
American Kestrel	16						4				5	3	28
Martin	1				1						1		3
Prairie Falcon	1									1			2
Ring-necked Pheasant											1		1
Scaled Quail		10											10
Virginia Rail							4						4
American Coot		31		12	6	22		7			1	6	85

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	7 BOU	8 PUE	14 WAL	15 SOU	21 SPR	22 WHE	28 CHA	29 CAR	10 DEN	17 SOU	24 CHE	31 SPR	
Killdeer		1			4		4	3		2		2	16
Spotted Sandpiper		2											2
Long-billed Dowitcher													0
Red-necked Phalarope													0
Ring-billed Gull		130		8	80	56	60	60		43	100	18	555
California Gull		1											1
Herring Gull		1					12						13
Thayer's Gull		1											1
Rock Pigeon		1		27	4	34			19	6	6		97
Eurasian Collared-dove		1											1
Mourning Dove		3				3							6
Rufous Hummingbird													0
Belted Kingfisher		4		7	3	2		4		2	3	3	28
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race		2			2 2	2		4	10		3	2	25 (2)
Hairy Woodpecker													0
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race		4 (4)		2	1	6 (6)	4 (4)	2	12		4	9	44 (14)
Buff-breasted Flycatcher													0
Northern Shrike		1									1		2
Blue Jay						3							3
Western Scrub-Jay		1											1
Black-billed Magpie					10	6	7	3	16	2	9	2	55
American Crow		20		7		1			8	2	12	1	51
Common Raven		6					3	1					10
Horned Lark		20					12						32
Black-capped Chickadee				5		6	4	3	12		4	11	45
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1				4							5
White-breasted Nuthatch								1					1
Brown Creeper		1					1				4		6
American Dipper				1									1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		4		2		2							8
Mountain Bluebird		1											1
Townsend's Solitaire							1						1
American Robin		3		3		2	18	1		5		2	34
Curve-billed Thrasher		1											1
European Starling		1		35	20	15	13	33	17	1	43	30	208
American Pipit		2			10			1				5	18
Cedar Waxwing						2							2
Yellow-rumped Warbler		4											4
American Tree Sparrow		1			5		5		5				16
Vesper Sparrow												1	1
Fox Sparrow													0
Song Sparrow		1		1	5		3	3	2		1		16

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Harris's Sparrow												1	1
White-crowned Sparrow		6			29				5	55			95
Dark-eyed Junco		6					10		17	2	9		44
Red-winged Blackbird		1		1			20	79				38	139
Western Meadowlark					4		1		7		27		39
House Finch		1		15	15	3	2	15	65		3	17	136
American Goldfinch										1			1
House Sparrow		1		15		6		2	9		1	3	37
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	54	802	0	1108	2195	980	329	431	808	511	1555	543	9,316
TOTAL SPECIES	9	49	0	30	32	30	35	31	17	24	29	34	82

FYI

The DFO speaker of February 1st meeting, Bruce Gill, forgot his business cards. To contact him about his photos: Bruce Gill Wild Reflections Nature Photography 2019 Angelo Drive Fort Collins, CO 80528 phone 970-226-4768 e-mail b-ggill@comcast.net

University of Denver graduate student and DFO member, Kristin Salamack, is looking for volunteers to help with bird counts in the Denver area. Anyone interested contact Kristin at e-mail ksalamac@du.edu Her study involves comparison of areas with & without prairie dogs.

Richard Mendez lost his long battle with cancer and passed away last Saturday.

The Services will be this Saturday 2/11 at the LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont. For anyone coming from Denver area, go I-25 north to exit 243.. highway 66/Ute Highway. Go about 12 miles west to Gay St. and Highway 66. Church is on north side of 66, and it is huge. Hope to see you there. Please send any contributions to DFO Educational Endowment Fund. Larry Wilson

Welcome New Members!

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Thank you, these program exist because of your support.

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																									TOTAL	
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWE	WCK	MLW	FEEDERS		
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Pins		Fhls
Pied-billed Grebe					1	6					1																8
Eared Grebe					1																						1
Great Blue Heron			1		2	11		2	2	7	3		2														30
Blk-crowned Night-Heron						1																					1
Snow Goose										1																	1
Canada Goose		1260	380	1119	3375	4314	2567	2	262	64	701		350									65	1360		824	50	16693
Cackling Goose		2		118		100				34	757																1011
Wood Duck																									18		18
Gadwall				8	75	74		10	24	7	25																223
American Wigeon			20		45	9		4	6	2	15	7													64		172
Mallard	3	12	300	58	440	695		9	57	75	41	12	2									1	4		114		1823
Northern Shoveler		30		30	4	71					25												12				172
Northern Pintail				2		9		1																			12
Green-winged Teal				33	20	66		12	30	8	43														4		216
Canvasback					2																						2
Redhead			2		25	2				5													1				35
Ring-necked Duck		1		1	40	29		1	1	1													6		9		89
Lesser Scaup				1		17																					18
Bufflehead					20	67				1	4																92
Common Goldeneye		4	12	5	20	57		2	98	134	31												10		4		377
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE											1																1
Hooded Merganser		1			20	30		5	3	4															4		67
Common Merganser			1	1	2	7				2	2	2															17
Ruddy Duck					2																						2
Bald Eagle				2	2	2		1	1	7																	15
Northern Harrier										1																	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1						1							1		1		2			5	4	16
Cooper's Hawk				1																		1					2
Northern Goshawk																										1	1
accipiter sp.									1			1								1							3
Red-tailed Hawk	1	5	4	4	1	10	7	3	3	6	8	2	3		3	4	1			2		5	6	1	4	(2)	85
western races	(1)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(1)	(10)	(7)	(3)	(3)	(6)	(8)	(2)	(3)		(3)	(4)	(1)			(2)		(5)	(6)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(85)
Ferruginous Hawk							2																				2
buteo sp.												1															1
Golden Eagle									1									1				1					3
American Kestrel	2	3		4		1	3	3	2	5	5	1	2							3		1	3	1	1		40
Merlin																		1	1			1					3
Prairie Faloon	1	1									3	1															6
Blue Grouse																	3										3
Wild Turkey																53		8									61
Virginia Rail								2	3	4										2							11
American Coot				14	10				1	19	4												1				49
Killdeer				4	1	26		2	5	5	6																49
Wilson's Snipe	3					2			3	3	2																13
Ring-billed Gull		64	5	150	3072	20			5		26												39		11		3392

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																								TOTAL		
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWE	WCK	MLW		FEEDERS	
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		Plns	Fhls
California Gull				7	4																					11	
Herring Gull				2	8						4															14	
Rock Pigeon	19	70	20	54	300	25		5	1		6		4				6	31	15	60		16	42		58	45	777
EUR. COLLARED-DOVE					2																					2	
Mourning Dove		2				1													1	1						5	
Great Horned Owl						1		1	3	3	1		2												1	12	
Belted Kingfisher		1	1	2	4	15		3	5	8	2	2													4	47	
Downy Woodpecker	1	2		2	1	1	1		1		2	1	3		1	3	2	6	1			1	1		17	31	78
Hairy Woodpecker															7	5	5	4							4	18	43
N. Flicker	8	14	1	9	1	7	14	20	14	49	6	12	4		1	3	3	5	3	33		22	5	1	35	26	296
"Red-shafted"	(8)	(14)	(1)	(9)	(1)	(7)	(14)	(20)	(14)	(49)	(6)	(12)	(4)		(1)	(3)	(3)	(5)	(3)	(33)		(22)	(5)	(1)	(35)	(26)	(296)
Northern Shrike	1									1			2									2					6
Steller's Jay	1												1		9	67	42	21	3					9	5	36	194
Blue Jay		3		1	1			2					2			2				2		1	1		20	9	44
Western Scrub-Jay	15												1					2	22	20		12			10	31	113
Black-billed Magpie	27	21	15	18	4	16	7	6	11	33	7	3	6		11	24	22	18	10	63		48	15	9	28	28	450
American Crow	1	13	3	22		10	2	9	28	25	7	6	81		13	137	124	100	25	92		38	54		109	45	944
Common Raven	4	2					9	10	1				4			2	3	2	2				8	4		2	53
Horned Lark							63			54	24																141
Black-capped Chickadee	6	2	2	3	8	7		13	8	41	6	20	7		5	11	6	10	32	12		2	1		29	43	274
Mountain Chickadee							14								35	50	53	49						3	5	42	251
Bushtit										13									17						4		34
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1													2	9	6	9							3	12	42
White-breasted Nuthatch							1		1				1		9	9	6	14	2						2	10	55
Pygmy Nuthatch				2			1								9	24	46	34							1	23	140
Brown Creeper									1	1	3	1			3		1	6	1							1	18
Canyon Wren	2											5							1							1	9
Winter Wren																			1								1
American Dipper	1					1			2	3		6													1		14
Golden-crowned Kinglet															4	1	2										7
Townsend's Solitaire	6							1	2	3		7	6		4	1	4	26	6	52		5	1	5	1	1	131
HERMIT THRUSH										1																	1
American Robin	192	106	2	160	25				1	111	25	24	316		8	1	3	117	58	101		520	3	302	68	346	2489
Brown Thrasher									1																		1
European Starling	15	43	19	84	70	4	183	1	9	22	10		16			7	34	5	113	80		92	204		211	94	1316
American Pipit						12					2																14
Cedar Waxwing		4		10						1										3							18
Spotted Towhee	2											3	1		3	1		6		21		1			11	19	68
American Tree Sparrow	17	3	30				88	85	21	27	38		6										4			2	321

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Song Sparrow	3	2	4	15	4	12		31	17	53	34	12	7		1	2		2	6	4			2			6	217
Harris's Sparrow						1																					1
White-crowned Sparrow			3		1		3		31	9	1	3							1			2			6	1	61
Dark-eyed Junco	76		45	9	13	7	30	13	77	29	62	20	8		88	189	93	87	153	10		32	2	6	128	285	1462
"White-winged" race											(2)				(2)	(1)	(1)		(1)						(2)	(9)	
"Slate-colored" race	(5)		(20)	(1)			(10)	(2)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(10)			(2)	(14)	(2)	(3)	(9)	(4)		(10)		(1)	(28)	(32)	(174)
"Oregon"	(10)		(25)	(2)	(6)	(1)		(1)	(21)	(5)	(7)	(1)	(6)		(6)	(7)	(6)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(20)	(2)	(2)	(6)	(26)	(175)
"Pink-sided" race	(30)			(6)	(7)		(20)	(9)	(48)	(16)	(26)	(8)	(2)		(20)	(14)	(21)		(28)			(2)			(7)	(60)	(324)
"Gray-headed" race	(20)											(1)			(15)	(98)	(61)	(50)	(39)						(10)	(98)	(392)
junco race	(11)					(6)		(1)		(1)	(21)				(43)	(55)	(2)	(30)	(71)					(3)	(77)	(67)	(388)
Red-winged Blackbird	3	7	16	4		42	28		49	52			45				75	50		1		60			200	19	651
Western Meadowlark							10			1		5															16
Common Grackle				1																							1
Cassin's Finch							7									3			1						1		12
House Finch	40	102	9	40	20	20	43	4	12	6	6		3		4	88	54	63	39	31		165	21	6	309	112	1197
Red Crossbill																		(CW)									0
Pine Siskin																3		1	3							13	20
American Goldfinch					6	1	2	1		7			1			2		16							11	3	50
House Sparrow	3	34	5	24	10	25	17		5							1	12		25			35	25		204	60	485
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	453	1816	900	2024	7663	5834	3102	264	809	948	1950	157	886	0	220	702	606	695	542	595	0	1131	1831	348	2547	1421	37,444
TOTAL SPECIES	27	31	24	38	41	43	23	31	41	46	40	22	28	0	20	27	24	29	26	21	0	26	26	12	40	33	92

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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March 1, 2005 Birding in Spain, with Norm Erthal

Norm Erthal, a native of South Dakota, graduated from the University of Colorado and worked 30 years as a civil engineer at Colorado Division of Wildlife. A long-time avid birder (748 ABA list), Norm has served as DFO vice-president, president and ran the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for 7 years. It is said that to see the birds of Europe one of the essential birding destinations is Spain during Spring migration. In May 2005 Norm led a group of Denver birders on such an trip. He will show slides and talk about this adventure. Norm has organized trips to Alaska, Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago, Ecuador, Galapagos and Australia. His future trips include plans to Jamaica, Peru, Kenya, and others. Come enjoy an evening with a truly international birder.



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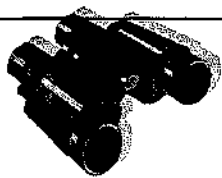
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April Field Trips

Saturday, April 1 *Wheat Ridge Green Belt*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947)

Meet leader at Prospect Lake parking area at 0830. (In Wheat Ridge go south off 44th Ave. between Quail and Robb Streets.) Half-day. Easy walking. Who knows what will appear on April Fools Day?

Sunday, April 2 *South Platte Park*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - YIPEE!

Leader: Dee De Jong (720-838-3277)

Meet leader at 0800 on deck of Carson Nature Center, off intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe, just west of light-rail station. Short trip from 8 to 10. Dee is familiar with park and its species—she knows what may be where. You may want to bring lunch and wander on your own after the trip.

Saturday, April 8 *Barr Lake*

Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (303-659-8069)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in park. Half-day; lunch optional. Parks Pass needed. Migrating surprises! Leaders know their way around—will check out recent sightings.

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April Field Trips, continued

Sunday, April 9 *Chatfield State Park*

Leaders: Lea Ann and Bob Brown (303-791-6204)

Meet leaders at 0800 at swim beach parking lot. Half-day trip; lunch optional. State Parks Pass needed. From C-470, take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles to park entrance. Goodbye to winter visitors and hello to spring migrants!

Saturday, April 15 *Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon*

Leader: Sue Schulman (303-773-3540)

Meet leader at 0800 in park parking lot. From intersection of Main St. and Highway 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Bring lunch and water. Varied habitats, mostly paved trails and easy walking at Parker Regional Park. State Parks Pass needed for Castlewood Canyon.

Sunday, April 16 **EASTER SUNDAY—NO TRIP SCHEDULED**

Saturday, April 22 *Along St. Vrain and South Platte Rivers*

Leader: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet leader at 0830. Go north on I-25 to Longmont Exit 240 (Highway 119). Meet at Park n' Ride on southeast corner of intersection, opposite Wendy's. Full day; bring lunch. May go to Lower Latham Reservoir for early shorebirds. This trip always tallies a good number of species.

Sunday, April 23 *Longmont area*

Leaders: Larry and Roni Wilson, Chris Owens, Diana and Wayne Johnston (303-451-6311)

Meet leaders at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25, take Exit 240 and go west 4 miles on C-119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then north 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Rd. (17th Ave.). Bring lunch for ¾-day trip. The migrants are a-coming!

Saturday, April 29 *Hudson Gardens*

Leader: Peggy Hawkins (303-771-8987)

Meet leader at 0800 at 6115 South Santa Fe Dr. in Littleton, west side, across from Arapahoe Community College, south of Bowles Ave. Half-day trip. Leader is a volunteer here and is familiar with bird activities. Early flowers will be a plus.

Sunday, April 30 *Cherry Creek State Park*

Leader: Randy Lentz (303-680-3381)

Meet leader at 0730 at the Marina inside the park. Go east from Yosemite on Union—entrance gate is across from Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass needed. Lunch optional. Get ready for migrants!

Don't forget to check out the Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge!

<http://www.audubon.org/chapter/co/co/IBA/30.htm>

We in North American are used to seeing a Bonaparte's Gull along our coast lines, however, this particular gull caused great excitement when Bob McCurley spotted it at Lunan Bay, Montrose. He watched it from the Redcastle Hide (built by the Scottish Birders in 2002).

It's a long way from here to there!



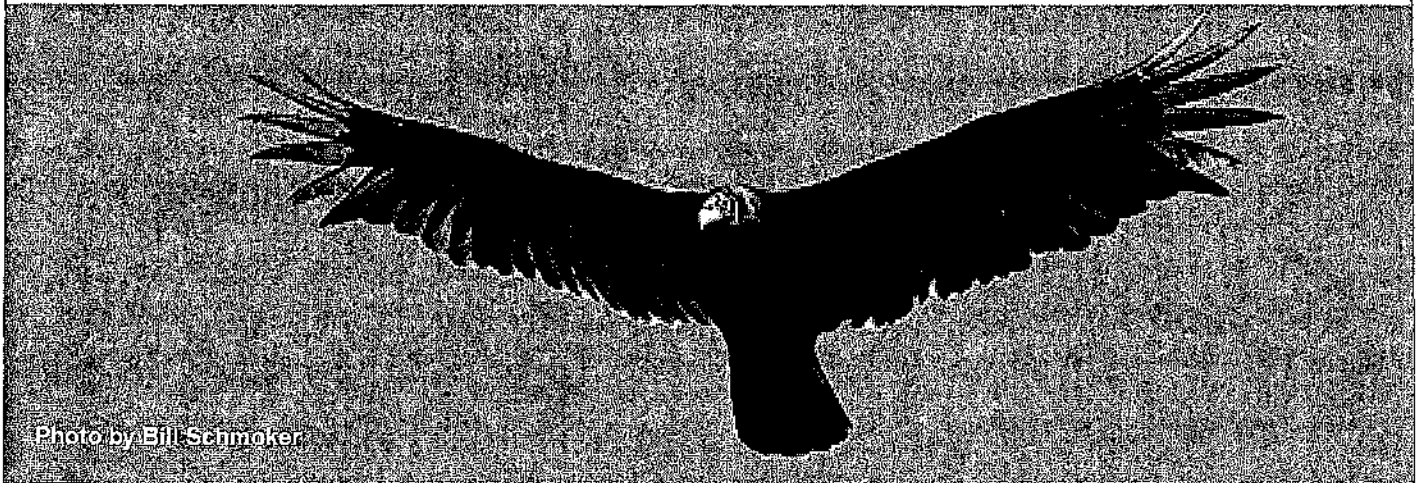


Photo by Bill Schmoker

WELCOME HOME TURKEY VULTURE DAY!

Saturday, April 22: Did you know that Castlewood Canyon is home to the largest concentration of turkey vultures in Colorado? Join Volunteer Naturalists as they share their knowledge of this fascinating bird. Observe turkey vultures through a spotting scope or in flight over the Canyon. Don't forget your binoculars! Call 303-688-5242 for more details on events.

<http://www.parks.state.co.us/default.asp?parkID=76&action=park>

Welcome New Members!

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February 2006 Field Trip Summaries

February 4, Saturday *Franktown Area (FRA)*

Leader(s): Urling and Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Fred Alderman, Mary Jane Black, John Breitsch, Bill Eden, Georgia Hart, Allison Hillf, Christy Honnen, Marcia Millikan, Laura Rea, Bob and Kay Shade, Tricia Silverstri, Bob Spencer, Rob Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills riparian, grassland, scrub oak. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 18-45°F, wind 15 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 350 individuals.

February 5, Sunday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** John Breitsch, Mary Burger, David Charles, Warren Finch, Vaughn Hackett, Pauline Ide, Debbie Kennedy, Jennifer McCallum, Vibeke Rosenfeldt, Pamela Tarrall, Niels Valerius, Ben Zack. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Water, riparian, prairie, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Windy, partly cloudy, 20-30°F, northwest wind, 15-40 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 1724 individuals.

February 11, Saturday *Platte & 88th (PLA)*

Leader(s): Buzz Schaumburg. **Observers:** Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 13-34°F. **Totals:** 25 species, 2047 individuals.

February 12, Sunday *Boulder County Raptors (BOU)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Becky Eads, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer, Inga Brennan, Betty Minges, Ann Robinson, Robert Hill. **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 60 miles by car. **Totals:** 8 species, 101 individuals.

February 18, Saturday *Lakes Along the Foothills (LAK)*

Leader(s): Alison Kondler. **Observers:** Susan Chancellor. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Frozen lakes, Lakewood neighborhoods, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Sunny, cold, -7°F, west wind, 5 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 1479 individuals.

February 19, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Ray McCarthy, Dennis Wojcicki. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 2.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, open meadows, elevation 6500'. **Weather:** Extremely cold, deep snow, sunny, -4-15°F. **Totals:** 16 species, 120 individuals.

February 25, Saturday *S Platte River Park, McClellan Reservoir, Littleton Hist Museum (PLA)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Terry Gurth, Debra Lentz, Neil Montague. **Time:** 0730-1300. **Distance:** 14 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River riparian, lakes, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Sunny, cool, 23-46°F. **Totals:** 39 species, 1400 individuals.

February 26, Sunday *Belmar Park, Lakewood (BEL)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Nancy Dunkle, Bill Eden, Dottie Edwards, Vaughn Hackett, Derek Hankins, Leslie Gerard, Neil Montague, Patti O'Neill, Cathy Sapp, Jeanie Shelcon. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Man-made lake, wetlands, grassland, conifer, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Sun, 40-56°F, west wind, 0-2 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 375 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

February 7 *South Platte River and 88th (PLA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, bicycle trail, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 44-55°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 616 individuals.

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February 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

February 14 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 40 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, cottonwood, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Sunny, 52-59°F, south wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 656 individuals.

February 21 *Audubon at Chatfield (AUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 13. **Time:** 0900-1400. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood groves, open meadows, ponds, elevation 5510'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 28-45°F, southeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 105 individuals.

February 28 *Florida Ave & S Platte River (FLO)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, bicycle trail, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 51-74°F, calm. **Totals:** 31 species, 288 individuals.

TAYSIDE BIRD REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2006

(For new members, DFO twinned with the Scottish Birding Club - Angus Dundee Bird Club - <http://angusbirding.homestead.com/ADBC.html> - we bird with them when in that area in Scotland, and a couple of years ago, DFO hosted the Scots birders.)

BONAPARTS GULL was at Lunan Bay on 2nd. 2 **LAPLAND BUNTINGS** mixed with skylarks at East Seaton Farm on 27th. Scurdie Ness saw 2 **LITTLE AUKS** pass by on 22nd. The **GREEN WINGED TEAL** was still present at Rossie Spit on 5th. A **SLAVONIAN GREBE** was at Lunan Bay on 5th. 2 **MED. GULLS** were seen at Boddin Point and Arbroath on 5th. 54 **HAWFINCH** were at Scone Palace on 27th. **CHIFFCHAFF** was in a Dundee garden on 7th. **MONTROSE BASIN** - 2386 **PINKFEET GEESE** along with 181 **WHOOPEE SWANS** present on 12th along with 727 **SHELDUCK**. Water fowl recorded were 178 **PINTAIL**, 3189 **WIGEON**, 41 **SCAUP**, 4322 **EIDER**, 28 **GOLDEN EYE** and 27 **RED BREASTED MERGANSERS**. Wader high counts produced 2127 **OYSTERCATCHERS**, 705 **LAPWING**, 2030 **DUNLIN**, 644 **REDSHANK**, 130 **BARTAIL GODWITS**, 649 **CURLEW**, 47 **GREY PLOVER**, and 3360 **KNOT**.

MONIKIE COUNTRY PARK - **WEBS** count on the 12th highlighted 80 **GOLDEN EYE**, 500 **POCHARD**, 20 **TEAL**, 350 **TUFTED**, 40 **WIGEON**, 300 **MALLARD**, AND 50 **COOT**.

BARRY BUDDON - 1 **SHORT EARED OWL** hunted the estate on 24th, also present were 13 **CROSSBILLS**, 1 **SNIFE**, 2 **MISTLE THRUSH**.

GLEN SHEE - 13 **SNOW BUNTINGS** and 5 **PTARMIGAN** on 12th.

ROUNDY HILL - 25 **CROSSBILLS** seen on 5th.

REDCASTLE HIDE LUNAN BAY - 2 **LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS** on 16th and at same site 50 **GANNETS**, 30 **LONG TAILED DUCKS** and 40 **FULMARS** ON 16TH.

ARBROATH - 18 **PURPLE SANDPIPERS**, and 1 **BLACKCAP** on 5th.

ARBIRLOT WALK - 2 **DIPPERS**, 2 **TREE CREEPERS**, 1 **BUZZARD** 10TH.

BOGHEAD FARM - 2 **PEREGRINES**, and 9 **FIELDFARES**, 15 **GOLDFINCH** 13th.

BUDDON BURN MOUTH - 250 **BAR TAILED GODWITS**, 15 **TURNSTONES**, on 19TH.

COX'S STACK - **PEREGRINE** on 20TH.

SCURDIE NESS - 330 **NORTHERN GANNETS**, 1 **BLACKTHROATED DIVER**, 1 **RED THROATED DIVER** on 22ND.

MONIFIETH BAY - 70 **KNOT**, 5 **RED BREASTED MERGANSERS**, 1 **LONG TAILED DUCK**, 500 **EIDER** on 21st.

GLEN CLOVA - 100 **FIELDFARES**, 20 **MISTLE THRUSH**, 20 **COMMON GULLS**, 13 **GOLDEN PLOVERS** and 90 **LAPWINGS** on 26TH.

LUMLEY DEN - 400 **GREY LAG GEESE**, AND 5 **SKYLARKS** on 26TH.

Tayside report for February 2006 from Bob McCurley, ADBC

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February 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 FRA	5 CHE	11 PLA	12 BOU	18 LAK	19 ROX	25 PLA	26 BEL	7 PLA	14 WHE	21 AUD	28 FLO	
Ring-billed Gull		612	30		55		65	36	40	120		2	960
California Gull		18											18
Herring Gull		6								1			7
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1											1
Rock Pigeon	9	35			25		1	21	2	4		8	105
Mourning Dove		2						7		11			20
Great Horned Owl				4									4
Northern Saw-whet Owl											1		1
Rufous Hummingbird													0
Belted Kingfisher							3		4		1	2	10
Downy Woodpecker	3	1			1		1		3	5		1	15
Hairy Woodpecker													0
Northern Flicker	5	5			2	2	25	6	8	6	4	10	73
"Red-shafted" race	(5)	(5)			(2)								(12)
Buff-breasted Flycatcher													0
Steller's Jay	5												5
Blue Jay	7				3		1			1			12
Western Scrub-Jay	8					10							18
Black-billed Magpie	11	7			4	2	6	2	4	5	1	1	43
American Crow	6	1			90	6	5	11		2	5	7	133
Common Raven	2				1	2		3		1			9
Horned Lark	4												4
Black-capped Chickadee	12	5	7		1	5	5	2	7	16	3	3	66
Mountain Chickadee	4					2							6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2												2
White-breasted Nuthatch	5					3				1			9
Pygmy Nuthatch	17												17
Brown Creeper										5		2	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							2						2
Townsend's Solitaire	5					2		1					8
American Robin	58	1			1		1			4	1	1	67
European Starling	3	12	10		302	36	15	9	2	6	1	5	401
Spotted Towhee	9					7				2	3		21
American Tree Sparrow	5	25	60						2				92
Fox Sparrow													0
Song Sparrow		3	15		10		14	2	1	2	4		51
Lincoln's Sparrow												1	1
White-crowned Sparrow		3	15		2						20		40
Dark-eyed Junco	27	9			18	18	13	1		13	20	3	122
"Slate-colored" race		4			(15)	10	(3)				(5)		(37)
"Oregon" race	(2)				(1)	8	(2)				(2)		(15)
"Pink-sided" race	(18)	5			2		(8)				(5)		(38)
"Gray-headed" race	(7)										(1)		(8)
Red-winged Blackbird	35	45			60		25	8	17	6	7	3	206
Western Meadowlark							1						1
House Finch	49	75			105	16	20	15	1	8		2	291
Red Crossbill	1												1
Pine Siskin	36												36
American Goldfinch	7	3					2						12
House Sparrow					200		20		1	5		3	229
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	350	1724	2047	101	1479	120	1400	375	616	656	105	288	9,261
TOTAL SPECIES	29	36	25	8	25	16	39	27	31	37	21	31	78



Hot Issue of the Day

From the Audubon Web Site:

<http://www.capitolconnect.com/audubon/default.asp>

THE ISSUE AT HAND... Senator Crapo's (R-ID) misguided attempt to gut one of our nation's most precious environmental safeguards, the Endangered Species Act, is headed for Senate Committee action soon. What you may not have heard is that your governor is thinking about supporting this bad ESA bill, riddled with loopholes that would weaken protections for endangered species and their habitat. We need your help today! Please write or call your governor and tell him or her not to support Senator Crapo's bill. It would undermine protections for grizzly bears, spotted owls, desert tortoise and all of America's most endangered wildlife.

THE ISSUE AT HAND... The president has introduced a plan in his budget to auction off nearly a million acres of our treasured public lands to the highest bidder. Places up for sale would include National Forest areas, Bureau of Land Management land and other critical wildlife habitat. Americans have entrusted the management of these precious places to our public servants; now they would like to sell them off without giving you a choice. Congress will have the final say on this. Speak up now to let your elected officials know that wholesaling public lands is not a way to balance the budget..

CONSERVATIONISTS SUE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SAVE SONGBIRD RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING FROM EASTERN FORESTS

Asheville, NC, March 3, 2006 – Five conservation groups representing almost 1 million members filed suit today against Interior Secretary Gale Norton and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for ignoring their petition to add the Cerulean Warbler to the nation's list of threatened species. The groups filed their petition more than five years ago, and repeatedly have sought to compel the agency to follow the legal requirements for responding to such citizen petitions. In the intervening years, the rate of the bird's decline appears to have quickened, and threats to bird's survival have worsened.

The National Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project, Western North Carolina Alliance and Heartwood filed suit in District Court in Washington D.C. They are among the 28 conservation groups from across the East that petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 2000 to list the bird as threatened and designate critical habitat for its long-term survival.

The Cerulean Warbler population has dropped almost 82% throughout its U.S. range over the last 40 years, making it the fastest declining warbler in the country. Known for its bright blue plumage and distinctive song, the Cerulean breeds in the summer in eastern forests and migrates to South America for winter. Once common, it has grown increasingly rare as forest habitat in both hemispheres has been destroyed and fragmented by logging, surface mining and development.

Additional Reports

Additional Reports January 2006

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Loon, common	1/2	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Scoter, surf	1/2	2 f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Goldeneye, Barrow's	1/2	3 m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Goldeneye, Barrow's	1/3	20	Bair Ranch exit, Glenwood Canyon	Garfield	Urling & Hugh Kingery
Dunlin	1/2	1 basic pl.	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Gull, great black-back	1/2	1 ad	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Owl, snowy	1/7	1 imm	Hwy 287 just over three miles north of Kiowa County Road E (North of mile marker 103)	Kiowa	Kellners, Joey, Brenda, Kristyn, Amy & Marissa
N. Saw-whet Owl	1/ 5, 6, 14, 23, 26	1	Franktown	Douglas	Urling & Hugh Kingery. On 1/26, it gave the "saw-whet" call
Phoebe, black	1/2	1 photos	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner

Additional Reports, February 2006

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Hawk, rough-legged	2/7	2	Rds 98/37+RDS 106/33	Weld	Warren Finch
Gull, mew	2/11	1 ad	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Owl, barn	2/28	1	Barr Lake, pine trees at park entrance	Adams	Warren Finch, Bob Shade
Owl, long-eared	2/26	1	Crow Valley Camp ground, S. side	Weld	Jeff Dunning, Kathy Mihm Dunning
Owl, long-eared	2/28	1	Barr Lake, pine trees at park entrance	Adams	Warren Finch, Bob Shade
Woodpecker, three-toed	2/6	1 f	Lynch trail, Snow Mountain Ranch	Grand	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Black Phoebe	2/28	1 m	Golden	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Bushtit	2/23	7	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Wren, marsh	2/7	1	Cotton Wash, Walden Ponds	Boulder	Warren Finch
Thrasher, brown	2/12	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Thrasher, long-billed	2/12	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
					3rd state record!
Thrasher, curve-billed	2/12	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Towhee, Eastern	2/12	1 m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Paul Differding, Joey Kellner
Finch, cassin's	2/25	1	Mt. Falcon	Jefferson	Warren Finch

Please send your Additional Reports to Polleke Siraa, psiraa@earthlink.net, 12216 E. Amherst Cr., Aurora, CO 80014, 303.755.2522. Thank you!

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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be sent to the Editor no later than the 5th of the month for the following month's issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse any submittals, and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.



Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

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Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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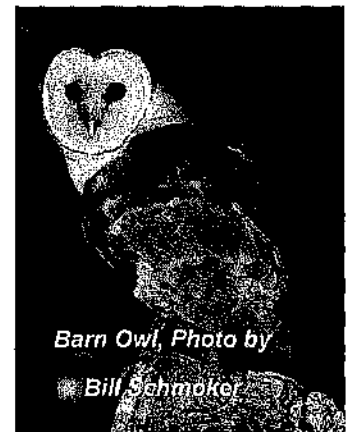
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"Listening in the Dark"

Ted Floyd, editor of *Birding* magazine, the flagship publication of the American Birding Association, is extensively involved in the Colorado birding community and leads many local field trips. He will talk about the delights of birding at night in Colorado. Come and discover that there is much more to being out at night than just the stars, moon and a few owls. Ted's "tour" will take us all over the state and will encompass the entire calendar year. He'll tell us about learning waterfowl calls on cold winter nights, about searching for rails and snipes on mild spring evenings, about listening to night-singing passerines in summer months and about studying the passage of nocturnal migrants in fall. Oh, and there will be a few owls, too. The basic message is that birding is very good when it's dark out. Ted's talk will include many tips on how to safely and enjoyably observe birds at night.



May 3, 2006

"Mountain Plovers in the San Luis Valley"

Terri Hicks-Anderson, wildlife biologist/ Prairie Partners Manager with the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory will give a presentation of her research "to identify the occurrence, distribution, and habitat use of the Mountain Plover in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado" She and her colleagues traveled over 1000 miles of roads and trails in the spring of 2005 in this search. Terri will discuss the results of their research, including the methodology and outreach to federal, state and private land managers with the goal to aid in the conservation of the Mountain Plover and its associated habitat.



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Meetings are held in Room 301 Denver Museum of Nature & Science at 20th and Colorado Blvd. at 7:30pm. Park on the north side of the building and enter through the volunteer/security door. Meeting are free and open to the public. This will be the last meeting until September - if you have time, please help out with the Spring Counts listed on the next page.



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May Field Trips

Saturday, May 6

Pawnee National Grasslands and Crow Valley Campground

Leader: Chris Owens, 303-772-6048 Meet leader at 0600 at the Conoco gas station located just east of the Hudson exit off I-76 in Hudson. Bring lunch and extra water for an all-day trip to see the prairie species found in this fascinating place. Leader is limiting the number of participants so call to make reservations. This is a good trip for novice birdwatchers and new members.

Sunday May 7

Boulder County Birding for Birders with Young Children

Leader: Bill Schmoker, 303-777-7588

Please bring the children along while we all go birding in Boulder county during migration. This short birding trip is designed for families with young children (ages 4 to 12 and please call about other siblings) and will provide all family members numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and birding. We will start at the South Mesa Trailhead (just east of Eldorado Springs) which often has a few migratory surprises.

We have two different start times. We will start the first group at 7 AM for those birding families who can make it to find all the early birds. A second group will start at 8 AM. Both groups will begin at the South Mesa Trailhead. After a few hours of birding as a group, Chris Von Lersner (a Montessori trained teacher with experience with young children) will provide a variety of outdoor recreational and educational activities for the children. While

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May Field Trips, continued

Chris provides some fun for the children, parents (whose children will let them) will then have an opportunity to bird with Bill for a few more hours. We hope to wrap up around noon.

So that we can effectively plan for children activities, you must RSVP for this trip by calling Charles Thornton-Kolbe at 303-777-7588. We look forward to hearing from you so that we can all have the opportunity to share birds, wildlife and the outdoors with our children.

Friday, May 12 to Sunday, May 14 *Bonnie State Park*

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529 Meet leader at the Foster's Campground at 1700, Friday night. Friday night will bird around the Foster's campground area. You can camp there or stay in a motel in Idelia or Burlington. You will need to bring all your meals. Trip will end at noon on Sunday. State Parks Pass is required.

Spring Count...Bird 'til you drop! Friday May 12 - Monday May 15

Friday, May 12 *Lower Bear Creek*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947 Meet at 0730 in front of Albertson's, northwest quadrant, South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden.

Saturday, May 13

▪ **Cherry Creek Reservoir**

Leader: Bob Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet at 0700 at Marina on west side (near Cherry Creek high school) of Cherry Creek State Park.

▪ **Barr Lake State Park**

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. Exit I-76 at Bromely Lane; go east about ¼ mile and turn right (south) on Lark Bunting Lane, to end of road. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake. State Parks pass required.

▪ **Chatfield State Park**

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass.

▪ **Waterton**

Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet at 0600 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning from Wadsworth (Colo. 121) onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon) downstream. 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

Sunday, May 14

▪ **Castlewood Canyon State Park**

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet at 0630 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. State Parks pass required

▪ **Rocky Mountain Arsenal**

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Must register with leader in advance.

Monday May 15

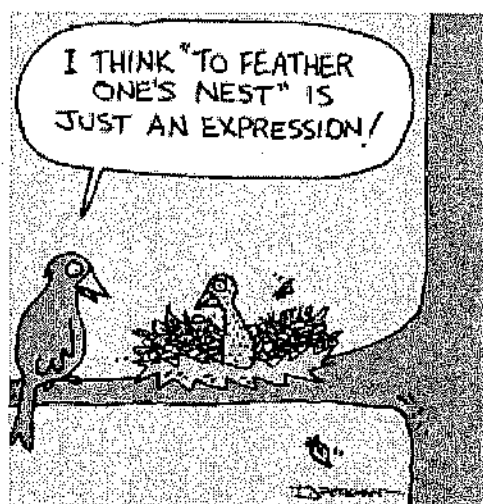
Barr Lake periphery **Leader:** Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 on access road to entrance station at Barr Lake State Park. This trip does not involve much walking; good trip for people with limited mobility or stamina.

Saturday, May 20

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069 Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. This is a half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking. State Parks Pass required.

May Field Trips, continued



Sunday, May 21

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072 Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center for a moderate hike which will gain about 1,000 feet in elevation as you climb up Carpenter Peak Trail. This trip often produces Oven-birds, Golden Eagles and Grosbeaks. State Parks Pass required or \$5 entrance fee per car. Bring lunch and extra drinking water. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles)

Sunday, May 21

Walden Ponds

Leader: Bob Evans, 303-44-5063 Meet leader at 0800 at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat. From northbound US 36, take Foothill Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St. past Valmont Rd. and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road west and south to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Bring water and a snack for a half-day trip.

Saturday, May 27

▪ *South Platte River Trail*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644 Meet leader at the parking area at 88th and South Platte River Trail at 0730. From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit, go west on 88th for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. This trip may last past noon so bring lunch and plenty of drinking water. We will walk along the trail and see which migrants are there as well as enjoy the many resident birds that should be back. Leader is using a scooter for mobility so it will be accessible and easy, level walking. Good trip for new members and novice birders.

▪ *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748 This is a half day trip starting at around 0645 continuing until around noon. This trip will involve some walking. Lunch is optional. State Parks Pass is required. Call leader to discuss meeting place and reserve space.

Sunday, May 28

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-768-7121 Meet leader at ranch by 0830. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north, but continue east on Morgan County road F to CR 14, then turn north for approximately one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water.

Monday May 29 (Memorial Day)

Wheat Ridge Green Belt

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet at Prospect Park lake, south of West 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. at 0800. This is an excellent area to see warblers as well as shore and water birds. This will be an all day trip so bring lunch. Leader is using a scooter for mobility so this trip is accessible and will involve easy walking only.

As a courtesy to the trip leaders, please call them if you plan to participate.

Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook

March 2006 Field Trip Summaries

March 4, Saturday*Guanella Pass (GUA)* - Report not available at time of printing**March 5, Sunday***Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Glenn Walbek. **Observers:** Dick Schottler, Patty Echelmeyer, Mary Ellen Sargent, Derek Hawkins, Warren Finch, John Breitsch, Pamela Tarrall. **Time:** 0730-1100. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Habitat: Open water, riparian, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40°F, southwest wind, 3 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 686 individuals.

March 11, Saturday*Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Kathleen Ottercrans. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 26-34°F, southeast wind, 8 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 325 individuals.

March 12, Sunday*Walden Ponds (WAL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Dick and Judy Cattell, Bill Eden, Leslie Gerard, Paula Hansley, Patti O'Neill, Sherman Wing. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 3 miles by car. **Habitat:** Marsh, grassland, riparian, lake. **Weather:** Cold, windy, dusting of snow cover, 29°F. **Totals:** 32 species, 356 individuals.

March 18, Saturday*Cherokee Ranch (CHE)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Jean Frazier, Neil Montague, Bob Shade, Patricia Silverstri, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 11 miles by car, 1.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, ponderosa pine, elevation 5900-6400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 35-45°F, n.e. wind, 10-15 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 160 individuals.

March 19, Sunday*Cherry Creek State Park (CHR)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, wetlands, grasslands, cottonwoods, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Overcast, snow flurries, 35-45°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 44 species, 920 individuals.

March 25-26, Saturday and Sunday *Kearney, Nebraska (KEA)*

Report not available at time of printing

Tuesday Birders

March 7*Bear Creek Greenbelt - Old Stone House (BEA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow with meadows, elevation 53200'. **Weather:** Sunny, 60-68°F, southwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 332 individuals.

March 14*Belmar Lakewood City Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1100. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir and ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Sunny, 36-45°F, south wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 19 species, 277 individuals.

March 21

Trip cancelled due to inclement weather

March 28 28*Morrison Nature Center Star K Ranch (MOR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 44 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Cottonwood riparian, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 68°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 16 species, 90 individuals.

March 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4	5	11	12	18	19	25-26	7	14	21	28	
	GUA	CHA	BAR	WAL	CHE	CHR	KEA	BEA	BEL		MOR	
Pied-billed Grebe						1						1
Horned Grebe		2	3			16						21
Double-crested Cormorant						16						16
Great Blue Heron				1		3						4
Canada Goose		165	50	30		73		190	50			558
Gadwall		2	6	32		32		6	3			81
American Wigeon				50		22						72
Mallard		14	15	12		38		25	2		8	114
Northern Shoveler			3			14		23	150			190
Northern Pintail		10	8	6								24
Green-winged Teal		2	20	15		22			15			74
Canvasback				16								16
Redhead				15								15
Ring-necked Duck				40		2			2			44
Lesser Scaup						6			6			12
Bufflehead			8	4								12
Common Goldeneye		5		18		2						25
Hooded Merganser				2		4		7	2			15
Common Merganser		26	12	8		3						49
Red-breasted Merganser						1						1
Ruddy Duck						1						1
Bald Eagle		2	2			3						7
Northern Harrier				2								2
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1	1
Cooper's Hawk					1	1		1				3
Red-tailed Hawk		2	1	4	4	5		2	2		2	22
Rough-legged Hawk			1									1
buteo sp.											1	1
Golden Eagle					1							1
American Kestrel		1	1	1	2	6			3		2	16
Ring-necked Pheasant			1									1
Virginia Rail								1				1
American Coot				35		17						52
Killdeer				3		4						7
American Avocet						1						1
Long-billed Dowitcher												0
Red-necked Phalarope												0
Ring-billed Gull		217		30		38			20			305
California Gull		1				3						4
Herring Gull		3				32						35
Rock Pigeon					22	32			4			58
Mourning Dove								2			2	4

March 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 GUA	5 CHA	11 BAR	12 WAL	18 CHE	19 CHR	25-26 KEA	7 BEA	14 BEL	21	28 MOR	
Great Horned Owl				2								2
Rufous Hummingbird												0
Belted Kingfisher		2		2	1	1			3		1	10
Downy Woodpecker			2		2	2						6
Hairy Woodpecker												0
Northern Flicker		7	6	1	5	24		10	5		12	70
"Red-shafted" race		(7)	(6)		(5)	(24)						(42)
Buff-breasted Flycatcher												0
Steller's Jay					2							2
Blue Jay		1	2	2	8	1		2				16
Western Scrub-Jay					4							4
Black-billed Magpie		7	2	2	3	16		5	1		8	44
American Crow		9		2	8	8		1	3		10	41
Common Raven				2								2
Black-capped Chickadee		9		1	1	5		16				32
Mountain Chickadee					2							2
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			3			3			4	11
Pygmy Nuthatch					9							9
Brown Creeper								1				1
American Dipper				2				1				3
Western Bluebird					13							13
Mountain Bluebird		10				30						40
Townsend's Solitaire					2							2
American Robin		9	1	4	2	82		7			15	120
European Starling		114	6		6	160		8			12	306
Spotted Towhee		1			4							5
American Tree Sparrow		21										21
Fox Sparrow												0
Song Sparrow		4	1	2		18		1	4			30
White-crowned Sparrow		2	2			11						15
"Gambel's" race						11						(11)
Dark-eyed Junco		22	3		26	16		4				71
"Slate-colored" race		6	(2)		(1)	2						(11)
"Oregon" race					(1)	14						(15)
"Pink-sided" race		13	1		24							(38)
"Gray-headed" race		3										(3)
Red-winged Blackbird			150	10	9	120		8	1		3	301
Western Meadowlark		7	3		2	5					6	23
House Finch		4	1		14	23		5	1		1	49
Pine Siskin					1							1
American Goldfinch		4	10									14
House Sparrow			5		3			3			2	13
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	0	686	325	356	160	920	0	332	277	0	90	3,146
TOTAL SPECIES	0	32	28	32	28	44	0	24	19	0	16	71

Colorado Field Ornithologists & The Nature Conservancy Trip

May 12-13, 2006: Overnight trip to the Bohart Ranch with Ted Floyd

Join Ted Floyd, editor of *Birding* magazine, for a special visit to the Bohart Ranch, a spectacular holding of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in eastern El Paso County on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13. Ted will be accompanied by Frogard Ryan and Betsy Neely, TNC ecologists with extensive knowledge of the Bohart Ranch and the ecosystem that it represents. This trip will present an exceptional opportunity to study little-known behaviors and vocalizations of the migrants and residents of Colorado's Eastern Plains, all in a spectacular and pristine natural setting.

We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Bohart Field Station for a brief orientation and bird walk (Short-eared Owl possible). The real action commences at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, as we prowl about the moonlit sand-sage prairie. We will listen both to the nocturnal territorial songs of breeders such as Cassin's Sparrow and Lark Bunting and to the nocturnal flight notes of migrants such as Swainson's Thrush and Western Tanager. For daybreak, we will be at the ranch headquarters, where we will have good chances of seeing a vagrant or two. We will return to the field station for an early lunch.

Important Stuff:

- The Bohart Ranch is a private working ranch. There will probably be limited facilities at the field station, but please be prepared to "rough it". There will be some indoor space to throw down a sleeping bag, but you are also welcome to pitch a tent (or not) on the grounds of the field station. Friday afternoon rush-hour traffic in and near Colorado Springs is typically heavy. Allow a solid hour to get through town and out toward the ranch. Bring enough food and water to tide you over from 7:00 pm Friday till about noon Saturday. Bring warm clothes for the nighttime part of the trip, and bring a hat and sunscreen for the daytime part of the trip. Our pace will be quietly intense. We will cover about 3-4 miles over the course of 7-8 hours, stopping frequently to look and listen. The terrain is flat to gently hilly. Comfortable footwear is recommended. What if it rains? We'll still meet on Friday evening, as scheduled. Actually, light rain can produce superb conditions for observing nocturnal migrants.

Directions: From Denver, take I-25 to the Woodmen Road exit in Colorado Springs. Go east on Woodmen for ~5 miles. Turn right (south) on Powers and go ~7 miles. Turn left (east) onto Highway 24 (Platte Road). Proceed along Highway 24 (Platte) until the fork in the road; turn/fork right and proceed east along Highway 94 to the town of Yoder (past the town of Ellicott). Turn right (south) at the Yoder post office, and go about 10 miles south on Yoder Road (it turns to dirt). Turn right (west) onto Shear Road. Go over two cattle guards until you see a group of houses; these are the ranch headquarters. Keep going past the ranch headquarters for ~1 mile west to the Bohart Field Station, a little structure to the right (north) up on the top of a hill. We will meet here, at the Bohart Field Station. Please note that access to the ranch is from the east, not from the west. The road from the west (whence former access to the field station) has been washed out. If you are using the DeLorme Atlas, the Bohart Ranch is on p. 98, grid B1.

Please e-mail [Ted Floyd](mailto:Ted.Floyd@tnc.org) with questions or for more information.

This trip is sponsored by Colorado Field Ornithologists and The Nature of Conservancy of Colorado. The trip is free and open to the public.

Check out the other CFO field trips at http://www.cfo-link.org/members/field_trips.php



Welcome New Members!

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NEW NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY REPORT LISTS AMERICA'S 10 MOST ENDANGERED BIRDS

Proposed Changes to Endangered Species Act are Biggest Threat to Birds' Survival

The Full report, photos and maps for downloading, and additional background materials may be accessed online at: www.audubon.org/news/top10/index.php

WASHINGTON, March 27, 2006 — The gravest threat facing endangered bird species in the U.S. today is proposed Congressional action to weaken the protections of the Endangered Species Act, according to a report released by the National Audubon Society. "America's Top Ten Most Endangered Birds" notes that development pressures, invasive species, and global warming are threatening these bird species with extinction. The Endangered Species Act is described as "the strongest federal safeguard against the extinction of bird species in the U.S."

"Congress needs to do everything possible to save these imperiled birds before it is too late," said Betsy Loyless, Audubon's Senior Vice President for Public Policy. "Unfortunately all the effort in Congress is focused on cutting holes in the Endangered Species Act."

The report is expected to attract strong attention from conservation-minded Americans, including 46 million bird-watchers in the U.S.

Top 10 Endangered Birds & their Habitats

The birds named in the report are: Ivory-billed Woodpecker; California Condor; Whooping Crane; Gunnison Sage-Grouse; Kirtland's Warbler; Piping Plover; Florida Scrub-Jay; Ashy Storm-Petrel; Golden-cheeked Warbler; Kittlitz's Murrelet; and ten island birds of Hawaii. Their habitats span the entire East Coast and are dotted across the nation, in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

One Day D.F.O. Raptor Photography Workshop with W. Perry Conway

For the second year Perry Conway, of Louisville, is offering Denver Field Ornithologist members the opportunity to participate in a one day, dawn to dusk Raptor Photography Workshop. Perry is a nationally known wildlife photographer, excellent biologist, and a highly respected educator. In addition, he leads photo expeditions for Joseph Van Os to such exotic places as East Africa and Antarctica.

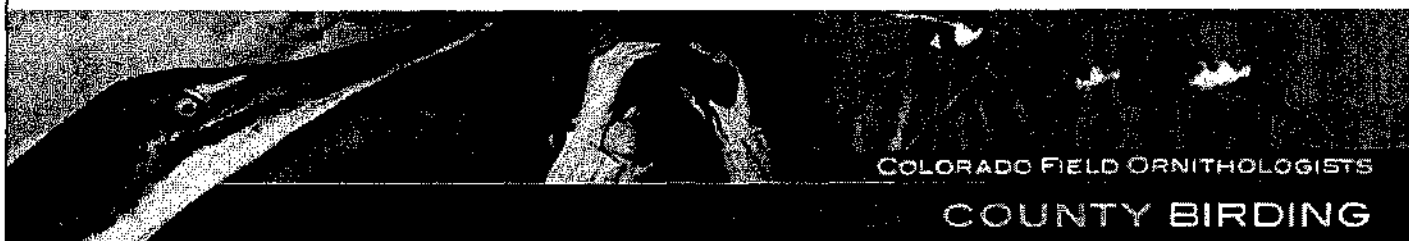
The workshop will occur on a Saturday, November 11, 2006, and participants will have the opportunity to photograph 7 to 9 raptor species (captive Golden and Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcon, various owls, etc.) in natural settings in the Boulder area. The workshop is set up for a 300 mm lens, film or digital, with a minimum of 10 and maximum group size of 14 DFO members.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Chris Blakeslee at (303) 694-4670.

March Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Owl, N saw-whet	3/5 to 3/27	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
American White Pelican	3/28	2	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Tim & Amy Davis, Veronica Holt
Cardinal, northern	3/1 to 3/30	1(photo)	Aurora	Arapahoe	Lori Giesecke
Sparrow, lincoln	3/16	1	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Tim & Amy Davis

Please send your Additional Reports to Polleke Siraa, psiraa@earthlink.net,
12216 E. Amherst Cr., Aurora, CO 80014, 303.755.2522. Thank you!



An update from the Colorado Field Ornithologists:

Just wanted to draw your attention to some important recent changes in CFO's County Birding Website:

- 1) We have CHANGED THE URL to www.coloradocountybirding.com so please update your links and browsers accordingly. This move is primarily for marketing purposes; we apologize for the inconvenience. The old URL will forward to the new one in case you forget.
- 2) We have updated the database, incorporating about 20 new sites and 2 new contributing authors (Andy Boyce and Linda Powers). We now have 903 independent sites indexed under 1414 names.
- 3) We are proud to have added two new opportunities to view Lesser Prairie-Chickens on their leks this spring. Both are tours of private property, and both require a fee. These are Arena Dust Tours in Prowers County and Santa Fe Trail Hunts in Baca County. For more information, see the website:

Arena Dust Tours: www.coloradocountybirding.com/county/bird_a_county.php?name=Prowers#885

Santa Fe Trail Hunts:

www.coloradocountybirding.com/county/bird_a_county.php?name=Baca#884

Many thanks for everyone's feedback on the website so far. We have tried to incorporate all your comments and fix all the errors you have pointed out to us, but we know there's more to improve! Keep those responses coming!

Nathan Pieplow, Boulder

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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be sent to the Editor no later than the 5th of the month for the following month's issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse any submittals, and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.



Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

Field Trip/Count Reports: Debra Bogar, 9475 W. Hinsdale Pl., Littleton, CO 80128, 303.932-7607, dafb@earthlink.net

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net.

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Allison Hilf ahilf@aol.com and Meredith Anderson, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

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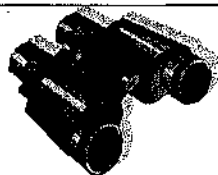


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June Field Trips

Saturday June 3

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz (303) 680-3381

Meet leader at 0730 at west entrance gate. Go east on Union Ave from Yosemite St. past Cherry Creek High School. We will look for nesting Virginia Rails, Swainson's Hawk and more. State Parks Pass needed. Half day trip.

Sunday, June 4

Nightbird Gulch & Mt. Galbraith Park

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-2647

This will be a loop trail, beginning in the suburbs of Golden and ending in Golden Gate Canyon, involving a car shuttle. This is a splendid place to look for birds in the foothills. Meet at 7 AM in parking lot of Wild Bird Center, in mall at 32nd & Youngfield (an exit of I-70 is there). Hike will be 4 miles, elev. gain of 1130'. Bring lunch and water, and call Mike if you plan to come.

Saturday, June 10

Quincy Reservoir

Leader: Mary Ann Bonnell (720) 319-1931; mbonnell@ci.aurora.co.us

Meet leader at 0830 at Quincy Reservoir parking area (18350 E Quincy Ave -- east of Buckley Rd on E Quincy Ave). There is a \$5 individual reservoir pass.

Sunday, June 11

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Glenn Walbek

Meet leader at 0730 at swim beach parking lot. Half-day trip; lunch optional. From C-470 take Wadsworth south 1.5 miles to park entrance.

Saturday, June 17

Lyons Area

Leader: Raymond Davis (303) 823-5332

Meet leader at 0830 at the Lyons Park 'n Ride, 1/2 block south of the traffic light on the main street (next to the library). To arrange carpool from Denver contact Meredith Anderson, (303)280-8576. Foothills and migrant species abound, and there's always a surprise or two. Half-day trip; bring a lunch to enjoy from Davis' back deck, always a highlight of the trip.

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June Field Trips, continued

Sunday, June 18

Rocky Mt Nat'l Park

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston (303)682-5662

Meet leaders at 0745 at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. We may drive up to Medicine Bow turnout to look for Ptarmigan, so bring a jacket and wear boots. We will walk on the Upper Beaver Meadows trail looking for nesting woodpeckers. We've seen N. Pygmy owls, and three-toed woodpeckers on this trail - although not frequently. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch,

Saturday, June 24

Golden Gate State Park

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery

Call Meredith Anderson (303-280-8576) for meeting time and location. Meeting time and carpool arrangements will also be posted on COBIRDS via Rare Bird Alert the week of the trip.

Sunday, June 25

Alfred M. Bailey Nesting Area/Silverthorne

Leader: Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110; ahilf@aol.com

Meet leader at 0830 at Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne. Excellent diversity of habitat (riparian, beaver meadows, willow, aspen, conifer) supports a wide variety of nesting birds. Three-toed Woodpecker a possibility. ¾ day trip with moderate hiking. Prepare for weather and bring lunch. Call Allison Hilf (303) 888-5110 for more information.

Scheduled by Allison Hilf and Meredith Anderson

Saturday - Monday July 1, 2 & 3

North Park

Leader Chuck Lowrie 303-455-8417. Meet in Safeway parking lot on east side of US 40 in Fraser at 9 AM on Sat. Fraser is a 1-½ hour drive from Denver. Make reservations for Sat and Sun nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, 970-723-4271 or the Chedsey Motel, 970- 723-8201. State Parks Pass and Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp are required. The stamp must be purchased in advance at <http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/> or by calling 800-244-5613. Call leader if going and to arrange car-pooling from Denver. Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge is great for nesting birds!

A trip to Peru with Norm Erthal and at least 600 species!

The trip will be to southeast Peru

and run from September 16 through either September 30 or October 2 with the option to remain through October 7. We will visit Cusco, both the Pacific and east slope of the Andes, Manu NP, Machu Picchu, Abra Malaga a high elevation area near Machu Picchu, and the Pacific coast area around Lima.

The trip will have a bus and driver the entire time as well as a Peruvian bird guide. Contact Norm Erthal for more information at nerthal@comcast.net or 303.424.6747.

A note from the Editor - you won't find the April Field Trip Summaries in this issue - our compiler, Debra Bogar had to leave town on a family emergency. Our thoughts are with her.

2006 COLORADO AVIAN DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOL

April 10, 2006

Background

Coordinated avian disease surveillance in Colorado has been identified as a critical function for federal, state and local agencies responsible for monitoring and protecting veterinary and human health. Rapid and effective response to threats from West Nile and avian influenza viruses require that veterinary and human public health agencies establish effective communications and understand each agency's responsibilities and authorities. Because interests in avian disease surveillance overlap many agencies, the Colorado Avian Disease Surveillance Program (CADSP), a consortium including the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA), Colorado State University-Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (CSU-VDL), Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), has developed this surveillance protocol for avian disease.

CoHELP Line for Public Information

The protocol has been designed with guidance from the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center (RMPDC) to efficiently capture and analyze data and to rapidly disseminate public information on bird health and disease. The Colorado Health Emergency Line for the Public ("CoHELP") operated by the RMPDC will be the primary information collection and dissemination source for the general public on avian diseases. CoHELP staff respond to hotline calls 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM Monday through Friday, and 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. The CoHELP hotline phone number is 1-877-462-2911. CoHELP data will be provided via the CADSP to all response agencies.

Algorithm for Triaging Calls and Collecting Data

For each caller with (a) question(s) about bird health or dead bird(s), hotline staff will collect pertinent data including location and type of bird(s). Hotline staff will answer questions and concerns from callers using "frequently asked question scripts" (FAQs) written by Colorado avian and wildlife disease veterinarians from the CDA, CSU and CDOW, and public health information from CDPHE. After triaging each call, hotline staff will provide the caller with follow up assistance depending on the nature of the call and the health issue:

- Callers requesting further assistance or information about *owned or domestic birds* will be directed to the CSU-VDL avian disease diagnostic veterinarian at 970-297-1281.
- Callers requesting further assistance or information about *wild birds* will be further queried about species and numbers of birds affected:
 - If the type of bird is a *corvid* (crow, raven, magpie, jay), hotline staff will follow the CDPHE Zoonosis Program's "*West Nile Virus Surveillance Guidelines for the Submission of Dead Bird Specimens*" (see link below) and direct callers to their local or regional public health agency. WNV surveillance guidelines were established in 2003 and remain unchanged for 2006. Local/regional health agencies will make further determinations about WNV testing and specimen collection depending on local outbreaks and surveillance needs.
 - If the type of bird is a songbird, hotline staff will follow the "*Songbird Algorithm*" section, and callers will be advised of proper disposal practices. If there are 3 or more dead birds, callers will be directed to their CDOW Regional Office or Service Center for followup.
 - If the bird is a raptor, gamebird, shorebird or type of waterfowl, hotline staff will collect information on the number of dead/affected birds and direct callers to their CDOW Regional Office or Service Center for followup.

More information is available at the CDPHE web site: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Influenza/avian/>



Now there is a simple way to support bird conservation, spread the word, and add a unique touch to your letters and cards - ABC's Bird Conservation Stamps.

In conjunction with Zazzle.com, American Bird Conservancy has issued the first ever postage stamps to support bird conservation. Depicting the Cerulean Warbler, a declining songbird, and the newly rediscovered Ivory-billed Woodpecker, the stamps carry the messages "Save our Songbirds" and "Stamp out Extinction."

These self adhesive stamps can be securely ordered in denominations of 39 cents for first class mail, 24 cents for postcards, or higher values for packages or parcels. A single sheet of 20, 39 cent stamps costs \$16.99. Discounts are available for orders of more than one sheet. Twenty seven percent of all net proceeds go directly to support ABC's conservation programs.

*Thanks to Mike Foster for bringing this to our attention.
More information is available at <http://www.abcbirds.org/>*

Welcome New Members!

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Lois Levinson (RBA)

Thank you!

April Additional Reports

Additional Reports, April 2006

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Egret, cattle	4/22	1	Barr Lake	Adams	Hugh & Urling Kingery, ASGD bird class
Ibis, white-faced	4/15	19	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Neil Montague
Ibis, white-faced	4/15	2	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Neil Montague
Goose, Canada	4/22	1, apparently nesting in old eagle nest, 100 ft above water	Barr Lake	Adams	Hugh & Urling Kingery, ASGD trips
Heron, little blue	4/19-4/30	1 ad	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Neil Montague
Heron, green	4/23	1	Barr Lake	Adams	Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Joey Kellner, Hugh & Urling Kingery
Falcon, peregrine	4/2	1 ad	Barr Lake	Adams	Aaron Sell
Falcon, peregrine	4/22	1	Barr Lake	Adams	H & U Kingery, ASGD bird cl.
Falcon, peregrine	4/28	2 ad	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Differding, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Loch Kilpatrick, Glenn Walbek
Falcon, peregrine	4/29	1 imm, soaring overhead	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Differding, Jill Holden, Joey Kellner, Mary Stallings
Plover, black-bellied	4/23	1	Lower Latham	Weld	Joey Kellner, H & U Kingery, master birders
Plover, semi-palmated	4/23	2	Lower Latham	Weld	Joey Kellner, H & U Kingery, master birders
Plover, semi-palmated	4/25	1	Walker Pit	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Yellowleg, lesser	4/23	1	Lower Latham	Weld	Joey Kellner, H & U Kingery, master birders
Curlew, long-billed	4/22	1, flew overhead, calling	Barr Lake	Adams	Hugh & Urling Kingery, ASGD bird class
Gull, Bonaparte's	4/28	1	Walker Pit	Douglas	H & U Kingery, Glenn Walbeck.
Hummingbird, broad-tailed	4/21	1 f, first of the season	Franktown	Douglas	H & U Kingery, in their backyard.
Flycatcher, gray	4/29	1, calling (unusual for spring)	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Differding, Jill Holden, Joey Kellner, Mary Stallings
Flycatcher, vermillion	4/28	1 f (photos)	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Differding, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Loch Kilpatrick, Glenn Walbek, Mary Stallings
Wren, house	4/21	1	Waterton	Jefferson	H & U Kingery, Tony Leukering
Bluebird, Eastern	4/28	1 f (photos)	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Paul Differding, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Loch Kilpatrick, Glenn Walbeck, Mary Stallings
Thrasher, brown	4/17	1	Waterton	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, H. Mc Birney
Vireo, white-eyed	4/22	1	Barr Lake	Adams	H & U Kingery, ASGD bird cl.
Warbler, orange-crowned	4/23	1	Barr Lake	Adams	Joey Kellner, ASGD master

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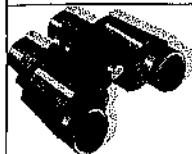
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July Field Trips

Saturday-Monday July 1, 2 & 3 *North Park*

Leader: Chuck Lowrie (303) 455-8417. Meet in Safeway parking lot on east side of US 40 in Fraser at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Fraser is a 1 1/2 hour drive from Denver. Make reservations for Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, (970) 723-8201. State Parks Pass and Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp are required. The stamp must be purchased in advance at <http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/> or by calling (800) 244-5613. Call leader if going and to arrange carpooling from Denver. Arapahoe National Wildlife Refuge is great for nesting birds!

Saturday, July 8 *Chimney Gulch – west of Golden*

Leader: Mike Foster (303) 456-2647. Variety of habitats, variety of birds. Round trip hike about 4 miles on trails. Elevation gain about 1000 feet. Meet at 0715 at trailhead just south of intersection of US 6 and CO Highways 93 & 58, at first obvious parking area on right. Bring water and snack – 1/2 day trip.

Sunday, July 9 *Gregory Canyon – Boulder Area*

Leader: Gregg Goodrich (303) 655-9135. Meet at 0730 in Boulder at Bobolink trailhead – corner of Baseline Road and Cherryvale Road [Exit Rt. 36 at Foothills Parkway, go about one mile to Baseline Rd – turn right to Cherryvale (about one mile)] Lunch optional. Parking fee at Gregory Canyon, so let's carpool. Usually find Bobolink.

Saturday, July 15 *Filius Pak – Echo and Summit Lakes (Mt. Evans)*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303) 757-7000. Meet at 0730 at Filius Park. Go west on I-70 to Evergreen exit then to first Bergen Park exit and turn right to Filius Park. Full day of birding. Bring lunch and water. Mt. Evans has \$6 per car fee. Golden Eagle pass may be used.

Sunday, July 16 *Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch*

Leader: J. B. Hayes (303) 798-9683. Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Road. (1st light south of C470 on S. Wadsworth) Trip should end mid-afternoon. Bring lunch. Always a good list of species.

Saturday, July 22 *Lair of the Bear and Mt. Falcon*

Leader: Norm Lewis (303) 988-5544. Meet at 0700 at Lair of the Bear parking lot. Go 4 miles west of Morrison on CO 74. 3/4 day trip. Bring lunch. Good birds – no bears.

Sunday, July 23 *Golden Gate State Park*

Leader: Dee DeJong cell phone (720) 838-3277. Meet at 0800 at first obvious parking "lot" on right, just south of intersection of US 6 and CO Highways 93 & 58 – Golden. Sign on Dee's car says "Guides to Go." State Parks Pass needed. Bring lunch – families of mountain species for sure.

Saturday, July 29 *Lyons and Foothills*

Leader: Ray Davis (303) 823-5332. Meet at 0830 at Lyons Park 'n Ride. (1/2 block south of only traffic light in

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July Field Trips, continued

town!) Carpooling a good idea! Bring lunch and cameras. Davis has 32 nest boxes and often 3 kinds of humming birds at the feeders.

Sunday, July 30

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leaders: Deanna and Wayne Johnston (303) 682-5662. Meet at 0800 at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. May drive to Medicine Bow turnout for Ptarmigan. Bring lunch, boots, warm jackets. National Parks Pass needed. Possibilities include Goshawk, Lincoln's Sparrow, Williamson's Sapsucker, Mountain Bluebirds, etc. Upper Beaver Meadows trail is 1 1/2 miles of easy walking. 3/4 day trip. *Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Cris Cook*

April 2006 Field Trip Summaries

April 1, Saturday

Wheat Ridge Green Belt (WHE)

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Craig Anderson, John Breitsch, Oveta and Bob DeBoer, Jean Frazier, Peggy Gonder, Gordon Hodgson, Donna Levene, Peggy Roberts, Richard Sheppard, Chuck Walters, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Creekside and woods and parking lots, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** No precipitation, partially overcast, 45-65°F. **Totals:** 39 species, 511 individuals.

April 2, Sunday

South Platte Park (SOU)

Leader(s): Dee DeJong. **Observers:** Theresa Damian, Richard Sheppard, Nina Rough, Derek and Peggy Hankins, Diana Wilson, Mary and Chuck Metzger, Teresa Gurth, Alison Kondler. **Time:** 0745-1000. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Short grass, riparian, cottonwood forest. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 45-55°F. **Totals:** 34 species, 220 individuals.

April 8, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** John Breitsch, Patty Echelmeyer, Mary Geder, Sandy Germach, Jean Mark, Mary and Chuck Metzger, Diana Mullineaux, Ted Pinkert, Mary Ellen Sargetn, Richard Sheppard, Tom Smith. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Clear, 29-50°F, west wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 619 individuals.

April 9, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:** Margaret Arp, Susan Barnhart, Patty Echelmeyer, Vaughn Hackett, Christy Honnen, Alison Kondler, Charlie Lawrence, Chuck Lowrie, Lisa Lubin, Colleen Nunn, Nina Routh, Anne Southcott, Mary Stalling. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open water, streamside riparian, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** High clouds early, clear late, 45-60°F, south-southwest wind early, calm late, 15 mph. **Totals:** 39 species, 216 individuals.

April 22, Saturday

St Vrain River to Lower Latham (STV)

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Warren Finch, Mary Geder, Terry Gurth, Vera Moritz, Colleen Nunn, Sue Schulman, Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1700. **Distance:** 60 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian and ponds, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 55°F, calm. **Totals:** 72 species, 1721 individuals.

April 23, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Roni and Larry Wilson, Chris Owens. **Observers:** Eleanor Baker, Sue Carlson, Bonnie Douglas, Becky Eeds, Peggy Hankins, Chuck Lowrie, Ben Moore. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 35 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds and lakes, agricultural, riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, 65-75°F, variable wind, 13-18 mph. **Totals:** 60 species, 1416 individuals.

April 29, Saturday

Hudson Gardens (HUD)

Leader(s): Peggy Hankins. **Observers:** Deandre Bauer, Jean Davis, Leslie Gerard, Derek Hankins, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0745-1015. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Varied. **Weather:** Overcast mostly, 42-51°F, north wind, light air. **Totals:** 28 species, 243 individuals.

April 30, Sunday

Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Peggy Gonder, Allison Hilf, Christy Honnen, Pauline Ide, Charlie Lawrence, Nancy Pinkert, Ted Pinkert, Emily York. **Time:** 0730-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, wetlands, cottonwood riparian, grasslands, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-70°F, wind 0-2 mph. **Totals:** 72 species, 1148 individuals.

April 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

Tuesday Birders

April 4 *Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield (DEN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 36 (three groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 1 mile by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 50-72°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 23 species, 159 individuals.

April 11 *Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/Winters & Red Rocks Parks (HAW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 39 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1215. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, transitional zone with juniper and ponderosa pine, shrubland and city parks, elevation 5700-6600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, 50-60°F, northwest wind, 0-25mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 147 individuals.

April 18 *Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood (BEA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 24. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails and open fields, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 49-56°F, northwest wind, 0-35 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 158 individuals.

April 25 *Lair O'The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 14 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Overcast and fog to overcast, 27-35°F, variable wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 181 individuals.

May 2006 Field Trip Summaries

May 6, Saturday *Pawnee National Grasslands and Crow Valley Campground (PAW)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens. **Observers:** Gord Hodgson, Lu Picher. **Time:** 0600-1630. **Distance:** 132m miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Shortgrass prairie, wetlands, riparian, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Clear, 60-75°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 61 species, 658 individuals.

May 7, Sunday *Boulder County Birding for Birders with Young Children - No reports.*

May 12-14, Friday-Sunday *Bonnie State Park (BON)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** Mary Jane Black, Kathy, Jeff and Alisa Dunning, Chuck Lowrie, SueSchulman, Jack and Joan Whiting. **Time:** 0700-1900. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grasslands, aquatic, riparian, elevation 3800'. **Weather:** Clear, 40-70°F, wind 0-30 mph. **Totals:** 124 species, 1844 individuals.

May 20, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Sandy German, Christy Honnen, Jean Mark, Chris O'Dowd, John Potter, Dena Presley, Jim and Polly Svenson. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Clear, 64-79°F, calm. **Totals:** 41 species, 356 individuals.

May 21, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Dennis Wojcicki. **Observers:** Theresa Damien, Jo Derosiers, Vaughn Hackett, Jill Holden, Ann Marie Martinez, Katherine Ottenrans, Ted and Nancy Pinkert, John Potter, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 6.4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Transition zone, gambel oak/ponderosa pine. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 68-80°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 203 individuals.

May 21, Sunday *Walden and Sawhill Ponds in Boulder County (WAL)*

Leader(s): Bob Evans. **Observers:** Jill Gibbs, John Landwehr, Susan Landwehr, Richard Sheppard, Peter Gent, Craig Anderson, Marcia Mathews, Micki Segroid, Larry Wilson, Joe Pem, Becci Pem. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 2 foot miles. **Habitat:** Ponds and cottonwood and willow riparian, elevation 5115". **Weather:** Clear, hot, 70-88°F, calm. **Totals:** 46 species, 291 individuals.

May 27, Saturday *South Platte River Trail (SOU)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Pauline Ide, Monica Johnson, John Potter. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot.

May 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

Habitat: Riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Sunny and hot, 75-90°F, west wind, 3-5 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 624 individuals.

May 27, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Cameron Boyer, Dave Conant, Betty Glass, Jill Holden, Keith Boyer, Lynn Conant, Ryan Boyer, Mary Stallings, Tracy Houston. **Time:** 0700-1100. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear, 60-85°F, southwest wind, 8-15 mph. **Totals:** 64 species, 337 individuals.

May 28, Sunday *Rigli Ranch (RIG)*

Leader(s): Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Cliff and Pauline Ide, John Potter, Steve and Kathryn Smith. **Time:** 0830-1500. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie, fields, grassland, sandhill-sagebrush, elevation 4600'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear-partly cloudy, 75-85°F, southeast wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 132 individuals.

May 29, Monday *Wheat Ridge Green Belt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Susan Bailey, Fred Harper, Mary Ellen Sargent, Anne Southcott. **Time:** 0800-1030. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 50-68°F, northwest wind, 1-3 mph. **Totals:** 38 species, 467 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

May 2 *Plum Creek Delta at Chatfield State Park (PLU)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 65-75°F, northwest wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 130 individuals.

May 9 *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 39 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5386'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 56-60°F, northwest wind, 0-12mph. **Totals:** 46 species, 664 individuals.

May 16 *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, reservoir, cottonwood, willow, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 65-74°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 38 species, 176 individuals.

May 23 *South Valley Jeffco Open Space Park (SOU)*

Leader(s): Alice Kruse and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 15. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, rock outcrops, pond, meadows, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Sunny, 53-71°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph with occasional gusts of 20 mph. **Totals:** 36 species, 136 individuals.

May 30 *Lower White Ranch (LOW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, choke cherry, elevation 6150-6600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, 55-65°F, southeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 160 individuals.

Tuesday Birders – Special Trip

May 22-24 *Steamboat Springs Area (STE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell, Else Van Erp, Ellie Jones. **Observers:** 23. **Distance:** 500 miles by car, 7.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, red ozier dogwood, sage brush flats, elevation 6695'. **Weather:** Two days mostly sunny, one day mostly rain, 49-75°F. **Totals:** 78 species, 1139 individuals.

Atlas Field Training

Field Trip, Denver Field Ornithologists

Sunday, June 25, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Training trip to Golden Gate State Park for second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas, (official Atlas field work starts in 2007).

Leaders: Urling and Hugh Kingery, Meredith Anderson, and Mike Serruto. Meet at RTD parking lot, 120th and Huron. From I25, take Exit 223 and go west on 120th Ave. half a mile (past the second traffic light). Lot is on the southeast corner (left).

Description: The second breeding bird atlas will start field work in 2007. On this trip Urling and Hugh will pre-view Atlasing protocol and techniques -- how to look for evidence of breeding, abundance estimating, habitat coverage, and other Atlasing activities. Meredith Anderson and Mike Serruto volunteer as raptor surveyors for the park and they will show us around the park. The trip will involve some hiking over rough ground in several different habitats. Bring lunch, water binoculars, field guides.

Field Trip, Audubon Society of Greater Denver

Training trip to Loveland Pass for second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas -- (official Atlas field work starts in 2007).

Sunday, July 9, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Leaders: Urling and Hugh Kingery. Pre-registration: Required, ASGD at 303-973-9530. Meet at NW corner of RTD Park & Ride, east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Avenue

Description: The second breeding bird atlas will start field work in 2007. On this trip Urling and Hugh will pre-view Atlasing protocol and techniques -- how to look for evidence of breeding, abundance estimating, habitat coverage, and other Atlasing activities. They Atlased the Loveland Pass block for the first Atlas and, this late in the breeding season, you should encounter breeding activity in the high country. The trip will involve some hiking over rough ground in at least four different habitats: spruce/fir, willow carr, coniferous riparian, and alpine tundra.



Welcome New Members!

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Contributions to Rare Bird Alert/Educational Endowment Fund:

Theresa Damian (RBA) John Drummond (RBA)

Thank you!

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May 12, Friday *Lower Bear Creek (LBC)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Nancy Arnesen, Don Beltz, Jeanette Dirkson, Rebecca Dirkson, Barbara Masoner, Mary and Charles Metzger, Marilyn Mueller, Peggy Oakes, Peggy Roberts, Nina Rough, Mary Ellen Sargent, Helen Standish, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0730-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, urban neighborhoods, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, some clouds off and on, wind 10 mph. **Totals:** 65 species, 1311 individuals.

May 13, Saturday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob Brown. **Observers:** Lea Ann Brown, Theresa Damian, Chuck Metzger, Mary Metzger, Nancy Pinkert, Ted Pinkert, Mary Ellen Sargent, Joyce Schmidt, Connie Takamine, Jjoce Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1130. **Distance:** 13 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open water, riparian, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 50-65°F. **Totals:** 65 species, 453 individuals.

May 13, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BLSP)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0630-1500. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear, 50-80°F, northeastern wind, 0-35 mph. **Totals:** 79 species, 895 individuals.

May 13, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CSP)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Jill Holden, Ed Holub, Allison Kondler, Randy Lentz, Bob Shade, Carol Weckstron. **Time:** 0600-1930. **Distance:** 34 miles by car, 6.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear in morning, partly cloudy by late afternoon becoming overcast by evening, 47-79°F, west wind, 3-5 mph. **Totals:** 96 species, 945 individuals.

May 13, Saturday *Waterton (WAT)*

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** EB Ellis, Terry Gurth, Urling Kingery, Liz and Kent Kreider, Meredith McBurney. **Time:** 0600-1415. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, suburban, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Clear, 47-80°F, no wind. **Totals:** 77 species, 859 individuals.

May 14, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CCSP)*

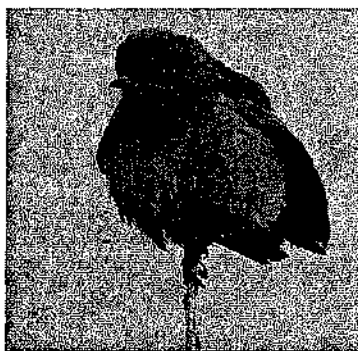
Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Fran Blanchard, Theresa Damian, Vaughn Hackett, Mary Metzger. **Time:** 0530-1400. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, grassland, scrub oak, pine-douglas fir, riparian, elevation 6300'. **Weather:** Sunny, 40-70°F, north wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 63 species, 618 individuals.

May 14, Sunday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Bill Eden, Allison Hilf, Hugh Kingery, Kent and Liz Kreider, Mindy Hetrick, Mary Ellen Sargent, Elaine Salmento, Diana Wilson. **Time:** 0600-1700. **Distance:** 40 car miles, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, open water, grassland, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Clear, no wind. **Totals:** 102 species, 1558 individuals.

May 15, Monday *Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Dave O'Reilly. **Time:** 0700-1700. **Distance:** 114 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains, elevation 5260'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 45-75°F, northwest wind, 3-5 mph. **Totals:** 72 species, 2549 individuals.



May Additional Reports

White-faced Ibis	5/4-5/7, 24	1	Belmark Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield + others
Red-shouldered Hawk	5/10	1 imm	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Broad-winged Hawk	5/10	1 imm	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Peregrine Falcon	4/30	1 ad.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Peregrine Falcon	5/7	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Whimbrel	5/12	1	Loloff Reservoir	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/19	14	Prewitt SWA	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Dunlin	5/19	1 alt. plum.	Private Ranch	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Short-billed Dowitcher	5/10	1 alt. plum.	Flaggler SWA	Kit Carson	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Glaucous Gull	5/30	1 ad.	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Eur. Collared Dove	5/30	2	Franktown	Douglas	Urling & Hugh Kingery
Greater Roadrunner	5/6	2	Caddoa	Prowers/Bent County line	Kathy, Jeff & Ailsa Dunning
Greater Roadrunner	5/6	1	Lake Hasty C/G	Bent	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Greater Roadrunner	5/7	1	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Kathy & Jeff Dunning
Greater Roadrunner	5/7	1	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Greater Roadrunner	5/24	1	Castle Rock	Douglas	fide Kirk Huffstater
Northern Pygmy-Owl	5/31	1	Lair o' the Bear	Jefferson	Kathleen Schofield, Bob Righter, Pat Conner, Marilyn Mueller
Common Poorwill	5/7-5/31	1-2 daily	Franktown	Douglas	Urling & Hugh Kingery
Whip-poor-will	5/21	1 calling	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Many Observers
Black-chinned Hummingbird	5/9	1 male displ.	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Paul Differding
Eastern Phoebe	5/7	1 seen, 3 calling	Two Buttes SWA, below dam	Baca	Kathy & Jeff Dunning
Eastern Phoebe	5/7	2 singing	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Ash-thr. Flycatcher	5/16	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Mark Chavez
Ash-throated Flycatcher	5/19	1	Last Chance rest area	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/6	1	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Great Cr. Flycatcher	5/21	2	Tamack ranch	Sedgewick	Kathy & Jeff Dunning
Cassin's Kingbird	5/11	1	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Carolina Wren	5/5-5/6	1 singing	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Veery	5/5	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Veery	5/12	1 "eastern" race	Brush SWA	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Veery	5/12	2 "western" race	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Veery	5/19	1 "western" race	Private Ranch	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Veery	5/21	2	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/19	3	Private Ranch	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Swainson's Thrush	5/16	4-6	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Mark Chavez
Herm. Thrush	5/2-5/5	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Kathleen Schofield + others
Varied Thrush	5/12	1	Last Chance rest area	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Brown Thrasher	5/13	1	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/7	1 m	Private Ranch	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Chestnut-sided Warb.	5/10	1 m	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Magnolia Warbler	5/5	1 m	Lamar Com. College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Randy Lentz
Black-throated Grey Warbl	5/8	1, banded	Waterton	Jefferson	Meredith Mc Birney
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/12	1 m singing	Prewitt SWA	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler
Blackburnian Warbler	5/10	1 m	NeeNoshsee Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Blackburnian Warbler	5/26	1 m	Last Chance rest area	Washington	Norm Erthal
Palm Warbler	5/12	1 "western" race	Prewitt SWA	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler

Please send your Additional Reports to Polleke Siraa, psiraa@earthlink.net, 12216 E. Amherst Cr., Aurora, CO 80014, 303.755.2522. Thank you!

2006 Spring Count Summary Table

SPECIES													TOTAL
DATE	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	15					
LOCATION	LBC	CRE	BLSP	CSP	WAT	CCSP	RMA	BLP					
Pied-billed Grebe	3		3				3	1					10
Horned Grebe								4					4
Eared Grebe		20	8	1			1	2					32
Western Grebe		1	24	34				8					67
Clark's Grebe								2					2
American White Pelican	9	41	12	29	2			64					157
Double-crested Cormorant	47	37	13	8	6		6	61					178
Great Blue Heron	40	6	8	5	3	3	9	11					85
Great Egret		1											1
Snowy Egret	1		1				1						3
Green Heron							1						1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		11		1			1						13
White-faced Ibis	5	10		15			1	40					71
Turkey Vulture		1		3	3	28							35
Canada Goose	25	12	61	18	29	4	19	14					182
Wood Duck			3	3	1		6						13
Gadwall	17	4	75	5	8		101	2					212
American Wigeon	3		2		2		14						21
Mallard	108	6	54	15	26	3	24	54					290
Blue-winged Teal	15	8	5	1			29	1					59
Cinnamon Teal		6		1			4	6					17
Northern Shoveler	7		3	2			18	4					34
Northern Pintail								2					2
Green-winged Teal	10	8		2			24	1					45
Redhead	5						1						6
Ring-necked Duck							3						3
Lesser Scaup			1				9						10
Scaup Sp			1										1
Bufflehead							2						2
Common Goldeneye					1		1						2
Common Merganser	3			13	6		11						33
Ruddy Duck		1					6						7
Osprey				1			1						2
Bald Eagle			2				2	2					6
Northern Harrier			2					1					3
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2									2
Cooper's Hawk				1	1								2
accipiter sp.						2							2
Swainson's Hawk		3	5	2	1		9	21					41
Red-tailed Hawk		2	2	7	11	4	6	5					37
western races			2										(2)
Rough-legged Hawk													0
Golden Eagle				2	2								4
American Kestrel	4	1	4	2	4		7	14					36
Prairie Falcon					1	1							2
Ring-necked Pheasant		4	8				1	7					20
Virginia Rail		3		3	2		5	1					14
Sora		2		1			2						5
American Coot	10	21	29	9	1		14	8					92
Black-bellied Plover	1							1					2
Semipalmated Plover	2												2
Killdeer	9	9	5	5	4	1	22	50					105
American Avocet		2					9	32					43
Solitary Sandpiper								2					2

2006 Spring Count, continued

SPECIES	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	15						TOTAL
DATE	LBC	CHE	BLSP	CSP	WAT	CCSP	RMA	BLP						
LOCATION														
Willet	3							1						4
Spotted Sandpiper	31	8	3	3	4		31	5						85
Semipalmated Sandpiper							5							5
Least Sandpiper								3						3
Baird's Sandpiper								20						20
Silt Sandpiper		1					6							7
Long-billed Dowitcher		5			2			42						49
Wilson's Phalarope		4					29	25						58
Red-necked Phalarope														0
Franklin's Gull	9		8	18										35
Ring-billed Gull	23	6	5	5	1			100						140
California Gull			2											2
Rock Pigeon	20	18	1	1	6	2		21						69
Mourning Dove	60	12	34	20	22	42	82	164						436
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1											1
Great Horned Owl		1	4	2	2	1	4							14
Burrowing Owl							6	16						22
Common Poorwill						1	4							5
White-throated Swift						7								7
Black-chinned Hummingbird				2										2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1			4	3	1								9
Rufous Hummingbird														0
Belted Kingfisher	2	2	1	5	8			1						19
Downy Woodpecker "eastern" race	12	1	3 (3)	5	8		5	2						36 (3)
Hairy Woodpecker														0
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	47 (47)	2	4 (4)	11	13 (13)	9 (9)	13	5						104 (73)
Western Wood-Pewee			1	2			4							7
Least Flycatcher				4	2		3							9
Dusky Flycatcher				2			1							3
Buff-breasted Flycatcher														0
empidonax sp.			1	2		1	3							7
Say's Phoebe	1		2	3	3	1	1							11
Western Kingbird	7	1	35	4	14		72	180						313
Eastern Kingbird	3	2	2	7	4		22	5						45
Loggerhead Shrike				1			1	3						5
Plumbeous Vireo	1				1	3	1							6
Warbling Vireo		1	1	4	6	2	7							21
Steller's Jay						2								2
Blue Jay	4		3	2			6	3						18
Western Scrub-Jay						6								6
Black-billed Magpie	11	5	5	13	3	5	9	5						56
American Crow	20			3	5	3		1						32
Common Raven	3			6	1	3								13
Horned Lark					2		3	46						51
Tree Swallow	7	2	2	37	12	44	21	3						128
Violet-green Swallow						24								24
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	6	1	11	34	3	4								59
Bank Swallow	1			18										19
Cliff Swallow	12		1	6	25	50	8	136						238
Barn Swallow	20	2	8	2	27		9	134						202
Black-capped Chickadee	16	7	2	5	4	6	10							50
Mountain Chickadee						3								3
Red-breasted Nuthatch						3								3
White-breasted Nuthatch	1			1	3	7								12

2006 Spring Count, continued

SPECIES	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	15						TOTAL
DATE	LBC	CHE	BLSP	CSP	WAT	CCSP	RMA	BLP						
LOCATION														
Rock Wren	1		2	1		2	3							9
Canyon Wren						1								1
House Wren	41		27	80	90	29	101	7						375
Marsh Wren		3												3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				11		3	9							23
Western Bluebird						28								28
Mountain Bluebird						12								12
Swainson's Thrush			1		1		23							25
Hermil Thrush					2		8							10
American Robin	70	15	33	19	21	60	63	56						337
Gray Catbird		1		8	13	2	9							33
Northern Mockingbird				1			2							3
Sage Thrasher				1				2						3
Brown Thrasher		1	1	1			2							5
European Starling	80	9	40	27	45	3	56	180						440
American Pipit	1			6										7
Cedar Waxwing					8	6	4							18
Orange-crowned Warbler			1	1				1						3
Virginia's Warbler						1								1
Yellow Warbler	20	7	29	120	164	7	44							391
Yellow-rumped Warbler	11	2	16	9	2		8							48
"Myrtle" race				1										(1)
"Audubon's" race			(9)	8			8							(25)
American Redstart				1										1
Northern Waterthrush	1		1											2
Common Yellowthroat		2	7	2	1		6	1						19
Wilson's Warbler				1										1
Yellow-breasted Chat				7	21									28
Western Tanager	6		1	1		2	7							17
Green-tailed Towhee			1	4		2	2							9
Spotted Towhee			1	6	9	35	4							55
Chipping Sparrow	17	2	24	26	2	5	175	2						253
Clay-colored Sparrow			1	1										2
Brewer's Sparrow				12	3		2	3						20
Vesper Sparrow		1		6	11	22	5							45
Lark Sparrow	7			4	2	18	23	20						74
Lark Bunting							14	8						22
Savannah Sparrow			1	1			1							3
Grasshopper Sparrow							1							1
Fox Sparrow														0
Song Sparrow	25	6	3	9	17	3	8	1						72
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	3	1		2							7
White-crowned Sparrow			2	6	1		5							14
"Gambel's" race							(5)							(5)
Dark-eyed Junco						3								3
"Gray-headed" race						3								(3)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					2		1							3
Black-headed Grosbeak					1	20								21
Blue Grosbeak							1							1
Lazuli Bunting						3								3
Bobolink						6								6
Red-winged Blackbird	234	22	76	61	45	5	106	206						755
Western Meadowlark	1	5	21	24	21	10	44	101						227
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	2	1				6	141						152
Brewer's Blackbird		11	2	3	6	3	4							29
Common Grackle	70	32	70	14	2		10	130						328
Great-tailed Grackle			4				1	11						16
Brown-headed Cowbird	30	11	15	26	23	25	13	6						149
Bullock's Oriole	2	5	18	6	5		38	4						78
House Finch		5	6	6	13	6	2	115						153
Red Crossbill						5								5
Pine Siskin						3								3
Lesser Goldfinch					5									5
American Goldfinch	8	4	3	6	10	12	2							43
House Sparrow	41	6	15	1	14		4	212						293
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1311	453	895	945	859	618	1558	2549	0	0	0	0		9,188
TOTAL SPECIES	65	65	78	96	77	63	102	72	0	0	0	0		158

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	6 PAW	12-14 BON	20 BAR	21 ROX	21 WAL	27 SOU	27 CHA	28 RIG	29 WHE	2 PLU	9 WHE	16 BAR	23 SOU	30 LOW	22-24 STE	
Pied-billed Grebe		1			3						1					5
Eared Grebe		5														5
Western Grebe	50	10	7				1			16		5			9	98
American White Pelican	13	30	10		2	1	9			6	1	3			23	98
Double-crested Cormorant		15	13		2	15	2		68		42	10	2		2	171
Great Blue Heron	10	5	10		4	3	3		6		4	10	2		7	64
Snowy Egret		1				11			4							16
Cattle Egret															1	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		6	1		1	2	5				5	3				23
White-faced Ibis	52	30			15											97
Turkey Vulture		15		4	2				3				6	1	14	45
Canada Goose	12	15	20		25	18	11		48	8	44	10			65	276
Wood Duck		2	3								2					7
Gadwall		30	8		2		5		2		16					63
American Wigeon		30														30
Mallard	17	10	8		14	28	42		9	3	37	10	3		14	195
Blue-winged Teal	4	40	17		3	1	3				4				2	74
Cinnamon Teal	4	2					1					4			1	12
Northern Shoveler		30			2		2		1	5	2					42
Northern Pintail		10														10
Green-winged Teal	2	20			2											24
Canvasback		2														2
Redhead					2											2
Ring-necked Duck		1													2	3
Lesser Scaup		1														1
Hooded Merganser											2					2
Common Merganser							5		2	5					5	17
Ruddy Duck		10														10
Bald Eagle			4			1						5			3	13
Northern Harrier	3											1				4
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1			1	1	3
Cooper's Hawk		1		1					1		2				2	7
accipiter sp.															3	3
Broad-winged Hawk										1						1
Swainson's Hawk	14	2	2			3		2							6	29
Red-tailed Hawk	5	2		4			1	2		2		3	3	2	10	34
Ferruginous Hawk	1															1
Rough-legged Hawk																0
buteo sp.										1						1
Golden Eagle	2													2	1	5
American Kestrel	10	2	1			2						1	1	3	17	37
Merlin												3				3
Peregrine Falcon				1												1
Prairie Falcon													1			1
Ring-necked Pheasant		10	1									5				16
Wild Turkey		10														10
Northern Bobwhite								2								2
Virginia Rail		1														1
American Coot			12				2			5					2	21
Sandhill Crane															6	6
Black-bellied Plover		5														5
Semipalmated Plover		1														1
Killdeer	12	4	5		12	12	5	2	1	2		1			1	57

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS							TOTAL
	6	12-14	20	21	21	27	27	28	29		2	9	16	23	30	22-24		
	PAW	BON	BAR	ROX	WAL	SOU	CHA	RIG	WHE		PLU	WHE	BAR	SOU	LOW	STE		
American Avocet		10			5													15
Solitary Sandpiper						1												1
Willet		2																2
Spotted Sandpiper		5			2	1	2				2					2		14
Marbled Godwit		8																8
Sanderling		1																1
Semipalmated Sandpiper		10																10
Western Sandpiper		10																10
Least Sandpiper		20																20
Baird's Sandpiper		1																1
Pectoral Sandpiper		2																2
Stilt Sandpiper		40																40
Long-billed Dowitcher		30																30
Wilson's Phalarope	4	20														1		25
Red-necked Phalarope																		0
Franklin's Gull		40																40
Ring-billed Gull	2	10	6				18											36
Caspian Tern		1																1
Forster's Tern	4	4																8
Black Tern		10																10
Rock Pigeon	10	3	4			30	15		2			3			2	10		79
Eurasian Collared-dove	2	10						1										13
Mourning Dove	50	100	6	7	15	35	4	6	24		3	10	3	2	1	12		278
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							1											1
Barn Owl								7										7
Great Horned Owl	1	2						2			3					2		10
Burrowing Owl	3	2						3										8
Common Nighthawk							1	1										2
Chimney Swift		4																4
White-throated Swift				9												4		13
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				9			5		1						4	14		33
Rufous Hummingbird																		0
Belted Kingfisher		1	1									1	1			2		6
Red-headed Woodpecker		6						1										7
Red-bellied Woodpecker		2																2
Williamson's Sapsucker																1		1
Downy Woodpecker	1	2	1	2	1		1				1	3	1			3		16
Hairy Woodpecker	1															2		3
Northern Flicker		5	2	2	3	1	4		3		4	17	2	2	1	12		58
"Red-shafted" race			(2)		(3)		(4)											(9)
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1			1													2
Western Wood-Pewee		2	2		1		4	2	2						5			18
Willow Flycatcher							1											1
Least Flycatcher	1	10					4											15
Buff-breasted Flycatcher																		0
Say's Phoebe		1		4								1		1		2		9
Western Kingbird	11	100	30	1		14	1	12					7	3	6	30		215
Eastern Kingbird		50	3		6		2	1					1		1	1		65
Loggerhead Shrike	1							1										2
Warbling Vireo		10	2	1	1		3		7				3		1	3		31
Red-eyed Vireo		1					1											2
Steller's Jay																1		1
Blue Jay	8	5	2		1		1					3						20
Western Scrub-Jay				18										6				24
Black-billed Magpie	1		1		1	3	5		6		5	4		4	5	50		85
American Crow		2		2			1		11		4	5	1	3	2	100		131
Common Raven				2			1							4	1	20		28
Horned Lark	50	40						7										97
Tree Swallow		6	2		5	2	6					2		1				24

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS						TOTAL
	6 PAW	12-14 BON	20 BAR	21 ROX	21 WAL	27 SOU	27 CHA	28 RIG	29 WHE	2 PLU	9 WHE	16 BAR	23 SOU	30 LOW	22-24 STE	
Violet-green Swallow				14							25		15	25	75	154
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		1					2		45		30				6	84
Bank Swallow	4						2								1	7
Cliff Swallow	100	60			2	125			8				2		4	301
Barn Swallow		40			1	30	4	6	7		9		5	1		103
swallow sp.											200					200
Black-capped Chickadee		4		12	2		1		3	1	4		3		2	32
Mountain Chickadee															1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch		4					2								4	10
Rock Wren		4														4
Canyon Wren													1			1
House Wren	11	100	3		7	1	22	1	3	1	1	4		2	15	171
American Dipper															1	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1								1					6	9
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	2		23			3			1			10			40
Eastern Bluebird		6														6
Mountain Bluebird															4	4
Swainson's Thrush	1	30										12				43
Hermit Thrush							1					1				2
American Robin	23	40	18	3	12	15	11	2	40	5	23	3	5	5	60	265
Gray Catbird	2	2					2		2			1		2	7	18
Northern Mockingbird		8					1	2					1			12
Brown Thrasher	2	10						1				1				14
European Starling		20	40		6	95	7	10	14	12	9				30	243
Cedar Waxwing		1					2								4	7
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	2							1		2					10
Virginia's Warbler				1												1
Yellow Warbler	9	20	6		7	2	47	2	12	5	6	2		6	25	149
Yellow-rumped Warbler		4		2				2		5	43	2			4	62
"Myrtle" race										1	(7)					(8)
"Audubon's" race								2		4	16					(22)
American Redstart		3					1									4
Ovenbird				5												5
Northern Waterthrush		1														1
Common Yellowthroat	1	20			5		1		1							28
Wilson's Warbler	1															1
Yellow-breasted Chat		2					3							2		7
Western Tanager				5							10	4	3	1	1	24
Green-tailed Towhee															2	2
Spotted Towhee	1	8		41							2	1	9	8	2	72
Chipping Sparrow	5	100						1			3	5			2	116
Clay-colored Sparrow		50														50
Vesper Sparrow	2	1												2	1	6
Lark Sparrow		50					4	3						7		64
Lark Bunting	6	20						12								38
Grasshopper Sparrow								1								1
Fox Sparrow																0
Song Sparrow	2	1	1		6		3		5	2	12		1	2	12	47
Lincoln's Sparrow		2						1							1	4
White-crowned Sparrow	10	6		1							1				6	24
Dark-eyed Junco															2	2
McCown's Longspur	10															10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1	2													3
Black-headed Grosbeak				11									7	3	3	24
Blue Grosbeak		1											1			2
Lazuli Bunting		2											3	8		13
Bobolink															9	9

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS						TOTAL
	6	12-14	20	21	21	27	27	28	29	2	9	16	23	30	22-24	
	PAW	BON	BAR	ROX	WAL	SOU	CHA	RIG	WHE	PLU	WHE	BAR	SOU	LOW	STE	
Red-winged Blackbird	50	60	40		50	70	5	2	35		37	17	6		200	572
Western Meadowlark	20	40			3	3	5	5		6		12	2	4	45	145
Yellow-headed Blackbird	4	2			12							12				30
Brewer's Blackbird														8		8
Common Grackle	15	30	20		20	20	6	7	40	6	8			7	25	204
Great-tailed Grackle	3	4			1											8
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	20	3	8	5	5	11	2	9	6	5		7	6	50	139
Orchard Oriole		20						3								23
Baltimore Oriole		20														20
Bullock's Oriole		1	30		4	6	3	4	12		2	6	4	7	3	82
House Finch	1	20			8	8	2		4		1		6		20	70
Pine Siskin		2														2
Lesser Goldfinch							4							6		10
American Goldfinch		40	3	10	6	5	3	1	5	3	14			10	25	125
House Sparrow	3	10	6		1	55	1	12	20		5		1		12	126
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	658	1844	356	203	291	624	337	132	467	130	664	176	136	160	1139	7,317
TOTAL SPECIES	61	124	41	28	46	34	64	37	38	30	46	38	36	37	78	174

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,
 c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also/in addition to,
 x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	8	9	22	23	29	30		4	11	18	25	
	WHE	SOU	BAR	CHA	STV	LON	HUD	CHE		DEN	HAW	BEA	LAI	
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1		4	15		1						22
Eared Grebe	1		6	2				35						44
Western Grebe				18	100	113		180						411
Clark's Grebe					2									2
American White Pelican				15	140	16		25				1		197
Double-crested Cormorant	57	1	40	5	30	7	1	32				3		176
Great Blue Heron	9		2	1	55	81	3	3	4			2		160
Great Egret					31	31								62
Black-crowned Night-Heron							2	1						3
White-faced Ibis					48	4		6						58
Turkey Vulture				3						2	2	1	1	9
Snow Goose						1								1
Canada Goose	65	4	20	16	30	25	15	25		8		6		214
Wood Duck			2				3			2				7
Gadwall	35	12	30		12	10		15		13				127
American Wigeon	25	2	2			2	2							33
Mallard	35	32	24	12	20	35	13	25		4		5	4	209
Blue-winged Teal					3	4		8						15
Cinnamon Teal	2				32	5		2						41
Northern Shoveler	28		40	4	20	7		23						122
Northern Pintail			15											15
Green-winged Teal	8	13	3		6	1		15		1				47
Redhead	35		8											43
Ring-necked Duck	8				6	17								31
Lesser Scaup	10		22		18	20								70
Bufflehead	2	3	6		12	10								33
Common Goldeneye	10				4	3		1						18
Hooded Merganser	6	2												8
Common Merganser			28	8		14	2	1						53

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	8	9	22	23	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	WHE	SOU	BAR	CHA	STV	LON	HUD	CHE	DEN	HAW	BEA	LAI	
Red-breasted Merganser			2		6	3							11
Ruddy Duck			24		1	4		2					31
Osprey				1		1		1					3
Bald Eagle			2		3	3							8
Northern Harrier			3		2			1			1		7
Sharp-shinned Hawk										2		1	3
Cooper's Hawk		2		2						1			5
Swainson's Hawk					5	5		5			2		17
Red-tailed Hawk western races	1	3 (3)	2	6	8	14		1		7	5	1	48 (3)
Ferruginous Hawk					1								1
Rough-legged Hawk													0
buteo sp.									1				1
American Kestrel	1	2	4	1	10	10	1	5		4			38
Merlin										2			2
falcon sp.												1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant			2		1			1					4
Wild Turkey					4								4
Virginia Rail								4			2		6
Sora								1					1
American Coot	25	2	100	5	20	63		75			1		291
Black-bellied Plover					1								1
Semipalmated Plover					2			1					3
Killdeer		1	2	1	10	20	2	7	5		2		50
Black-necked Stilt					1								1
American Avocet					22			6					28
Greater Yellowlegs					6	3							9
Lesser Yellowlegs					4	2		15					21
Solitary Sandpiper					1								1
Willet					1								1
Spotted Sandpiper								5					5
Marbled Godwit								12					12
Semipalmated Sandpiper					8			5					13
Least Sandpiper								1					1
Long-billed Dowitcher								7	1				8
Wilson's Snipe					1			1			4		6
Wilson's Phalarope								7					7
Red-necked Phalarope													0
Franklin's Gull				12	7	8		12					39
Bonaparte's Gull								1					1
Ring-billed Gull	40	3		9	10	23		125					210
California Gull			2	3	1			10					16
Herring Gull				1									1
Forster's Tern					2	2							4
Rock Pigeon		8	18	2	40	10	5	15	3	9	1		111
Eurasian Collared-dove					2	2							4
Mourning Dove		3	2		20	20	3	10			2		60
Eastern Screech-Owl	1												1
Great Horned Owl		2	2		4	4		1	2				15
Burrowing Owl					3								3
White-throated Swift										11			11
Rufous Hummingbird													0
Belted Kingfisher	2	6	1	2	2	1	2					1	17
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	8	3		1			5	1			21
"RockyMountain" race		1											(1)
Hairy Woodpecker													0
Northern Flicker	15	5	8	7	2	4	6	8	13	3	3	1	75
"Red-shafted" race		(5)	(8)			(4)		(8)					(25)

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS						TOTAL
	6	12-14	20	21	21	27	27	28	29	2	9	16	23	30	22-24	
	PAW	BON	BAR	ROX	WAL	SOU	CHA	RIG	WHE	PLU	WHE	BAR	SOU	LOW	STE	
Say's Phoebe									4							4
Blue Jay	2			2		1	3									8
Western Scrub-Jay												10				10
Black-billed Magpie	3	2	2	7	1	2	3	7		13	10	8				58
American Crow	6	2		4				1	1		6	2	5			27
Common Raven		1				1					1		3			6
Horned Lark						4	1									5
Tree Swallow				5		10	12			32						59
Violet-green Swallow									50							50
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						1			1							2
Cliff Swallow						10	110		35							155
Barn Swallow						20	28	3	20			5				76
Black-capped Chickadee	6	2		14						2	6	2	8			40
Mountain Chickadee											3					3
Bushtit	3															3
Red-breasted Nuthatch												1				1
White-breasted Nuthatch				5												5
Rock Wren									1		1					2
Canyon Wren											2					2
House Wren									1							1
Marsh Wren									1							1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1								1				2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher														2		2
Bluebird sp											6					6
Mountain Bluebird											1					1
Townsend's Solitaire														1		1
Hermit Thrush														13		13
American Robin	10	25	12	11	13	5	18	35		20	25	9	121			304
European Starling	10	24	100	9	100	70	16	35		25		30				419
American Pipit									2							2
Yellow-rumped Warbler				1				3	22			8				34
"Myrtle" race									15			1				(16)
"Audubon's" race								3	7			7				(17)
Hooded Warbler														1		1
Spotted Towhee	2			1			1				7					11
American Tree Sparrow			1													1
Chipping Sparrow							4		15							19
Brewer's Sparrow									1							1
Vesper Sparrow						2						1				3
Fox Sparrow																0
Song Sparrow	18	6	2	4	4	3	9	8		1	2	1	6			64
White-crowned Sparrow		5	3				2	7	16				2	3		38
"Gambel's" race									16							(16)
Dark-eyed Junco			2								7	3		2		14
Red-winged Blackbird	10	38	40	6	150	200	21	46		10		15				536
Western Meadowlark		3	3	6	30	100		20		4	4	12				182
Yellow-headed Blackbird					200	200										400
Brewer's Blackbird								8								8
Common Grackle	3	1	15	2	150	37	27	50					20			305
Great-tailed Grackle						20										20
Brown-headed Cowbird						10	3	6	14							33
House Finch	1	2				10		14	15	13	16			4		75
American Goldfinch	10	1	4	1					14					1		31
Evening Grosbeak														1		1
House Sparrow	3	1	2			200	11	5	1				2			225
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	511	220	619	216	1721	1416	243	1148		159	147	158	181			6,739
TOTAL SPECIES	39	34	45	39	72	60	28	72		23	28	30	21			129

Good News from the Denver Museum of Nature & Science's Bailey Library

A Letter from Kristine A. Haglund, Archivist & Chair.

We're planning a move.

By early fall 2006, the Library will be easier to find and in a more welcoming location. We'll have more shelving for our growing collections, and best of all, the new space will provide a quieter, dedicated work area for Library users.

Plans will require painting, carpeting, plumbing and minor renovation. A new wall and door will be constructed, and additional furniture will be needed. The projected budget is \$28,000. Fundraising efforts are well underway, and we have already received a number of wonderful gifts from generous friends of the Bailey Library. We hope to raise the remaining funds by August 2006, to facilitate our end of summer plans.

Would you like to make a gift in support of the Library? With your help, we'll be able to improve public access to more than 40,000 volumes, periodicals, and other published media.

If you have any questions, please contact us: Vickie Wilson (Development) 303-370-8251 or Kris Haglund (Library & Archives) 303-370-8353. Thank you for your support of the Bailey Library and its staff. Later this fall, we look forward to inviting you to celebrate with us in a new, much improved space.

Remember—the Bailey Library is open for your use. We offer a Web accessible library catalog (www.dmns.org/librarycatalog), lending privileges for anyone with a DMNS membership or a valid Colorado library card, and on-site use of resources, including knowledgeable, experienced librarians to help with your research needs. Hours are 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 303-370-6362.

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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be sent to the Editor no later than the 5th of the month for the following month's issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse any submittals, and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.



Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Monthly meetings resume....

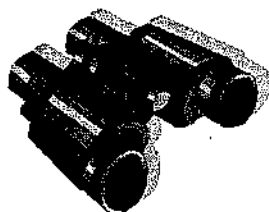
September 6 at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Pearl Jordan "Birding the World"

In the 2005 ABA List Report (under World on page 57) Pearl S. Jordan, one of our DFO members, is #20 with 6854 species. Pearl, of Lakewood, starting birding locally in 1985 after her children were grown, and internationally in 1996 a couple of years after her retirement. She has birded in over 140 "destinations" counting countries and islands (as defined by the Travelers' Century Club).

At the September 6 Denver Field Ornithologist meeting Pearl will show photos and talk about the families of birds of the world of which she has seen at least one species. Rumor has it that she is over 7000 species now. Part of the program will include resources she uses for economical travel.

Please note that the meeting in September will be held in the Ricketson Auditorium.



August Field Trips 2006

As a courtesy to the trip leader, please call if you plan to participate.

Saturday, August 5

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, August 6

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0745 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. All day trip, bring lunch and water. National Parks Pass required (\$20 per car). Suggest to call leader if going.

Saturday, August 12

Roxborough State Park

Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0730 at Roxborough Visitor Center. To reach

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July Field Trips, continued

the park, take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd. on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles). Trip will end around 11:30 so lunch is optional but bring plenty of water. There is a nice place to enjoy lunch at the Visitor Center. State Parks pass required.

Sunday, August 13

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leaders: Ira and Tammy Sanders,

Leaders: Ira and Tammy Sanders, 303-278-7172. Meet leaders at 0700 at the Philips 76 Loaf-N-Jug located north of Golden. It is at the first light north of Hwy 58/6 at the intersection of Iowa and Hwy 93. State Parks Pass required. Bring lunch and extra water. Call leader if going.

Saturday, August 19

Longmont Area

Leader: Chris Owens 303-772-6048. Meet leader at 0700 at Jim Hamm Park. From I-25 take Exit 240. To reach the park, go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. This will be a three-quarter day trip so bring lunch and extra water.

Sunday, August 20

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at Prospect Park near public restrooms at 0730 at Clear Creek in Wheat Ridge. Go south from West 44th between Quail and Robb Streets. Half day trip, easy walking, accessible for mobility impaired individuals. Bring water and a snack, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

Saturday, August 26

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader in park parking lot at 0730. From intersection of Main Street and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on to Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Bring lunch and drinking water, trip will finish shortly after lunch. This trip will involve easy walking on mostly paved trails and is accessible for mobility impaired individuals. This trip will be good for novice birders and new members.

Sunday, August 27

Northeastern Colorado, Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway – Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Habitat Stamp for State Wildlife Areas and State Parks Pass required. This is an all day trip so bring lunch and plenty of water. Call leader if going.

Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook

June 2006 Field Trip Summaries

June 3, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Mary Jane Biedenbach, Pauline Ide, John Potter. **Time:** 0715-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian/cottonwood, wetlands, grasslands, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 70-90°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 52 species, 675 individuals.

June 4, Sunday *Nightbird Gulch – foothills NW of Golden (GUL)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Dave Balogh, Rosemary Brinko, Bill Eden, Leslie Gerard, Jennifer Larson, Patti O'Neill, Margaret Rerucha, Christine Turner. **Time:** 0745-1400. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain grassland, mountain shrub, mountain riparian, mixed conifer, cliff. **Weather:** Clear and warm, 65-86°F. **Totals:** 44 species, 130 individuals.

June 10, Saturday *Quincy Reservoir (QUI)*

Leader(s): Mary Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 8. **Time:** 0830-1030. **Distance:** 1/2 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lowland riparian, shortgrass prairie, suburban, elevation 5722'. **Weather:** Sunny and hot, 64-82°F. **Totals:** 22 species, 168 individuals.

June 11, Sunday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Glenn Walker. **Observers:** Joey Kellner, John Potter, Fred Hager. **Time:** 0700-1130. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie grass, open water, shoreline, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 51-79°F, southwest wind, 7 mph. **Totals:** 51 species, 316 individuals.

June 17, Saturday *Lyons Area (LYO)*

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Jean Davis, Irene Godden, Gordon Hodgson, Pauline & Cliff Ide, Jean & Gil Jackson, Caleb & Tonia Milne, John Potter, Toni Rautus, Nina Rough, Bob Shade, Steve & Kathryn Smith. **Time:** 0830-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and agricultural fields, elevation 5200'; open Ponderosa at 6,000'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 68-84°F. **Totals:** 61 species, 241 individuals.

June 18, Sunday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Wayne & Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Becky Eeds, John Potter, Ed Holub, Gordon Hodgson, Steve & Kathryn Smith, Bob Zilly, Joyce Takamine, Connie Takamine, Gwen Haferkamp. **Totals:** 36 species, 152 individuals.

June 24, Saturday *Golden Gate State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Urling and Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, John Drummond, Monica Johnson, Susan Lee, Debra Lentz, Nina Rough, Mike Serruto, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills riparian, montane willow carr, aspen, mixed conifer (ponderosa, douglas fir, Colorado blue spruce, lodgepole pine), elevation 7600-8800'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 50-65°F. **Totals:** 42 species, 157 individuals.

June 25, Sunday *Alfred Bailey Nesting Area/Silverthorne (SIL)*

Report not available at time of printing.

Tuesday Birders

June 6 *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, canyon, ponderosa pine, transition zone, scrub oak, elevation 6600'. **Weather:** Sunny, 80-90°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 149 individuals.

June 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

June 13 *Mount Evans – Squaw Pass, Echo & Summit Lakes (EVA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 26. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Tundra, lakes, ponderosa, lodgepole and bristlecone pine, aspen and some riparian, elevation 9000-12930'.

Weather: Mostly sunny, 40-72°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 74 individuals.

June 20 *Hall Valley – Park County (HAL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, meadows, willow stands, spruce, lodgepole, ponderosa and aspen woodlands, elevation 9300-10100'.

Weather: Mostly cloudy, 65-72°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 77 individuals.

June 27 *Stapleton Park – Selby's Feeder, Braille Trail and Genessee Mountain Park (STA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 27 (two groups). **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine woodland, elevation 7200-7600'. **Weather:** Sunny, 70-75°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 186 individuals.



We discovered a little visitor at our house today ...

Bernie and Kim Smith, live on the east side of Franktown, in the pines and sent us this wonderful photo of a Northern Saw Whet Owl. Bernie is a volunteer naturalist at the Castlewood Canyon State Park

Hugh Kingery reports that there is another pair of saw-whets nesting in a kestrel box in Castle Pines.

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Additional Reports, June 2006

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Sandpiper, white-rumped	6/3	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Kellner, Joey
Sandpiper, white-rumped	6/2	10	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek
Pigeon, band-tailed	6/10-6/13	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Owl, Northern Pygmy	6/6	1	Cheesman Lake BBS	Jefferson	Hugh & Urling Kingery, Mike Serruto
Woodpecker, acorn	6/20	3	La Plata County	La Plata	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival
Flycatcher, willow	6/4	1-singing	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Kellner, Joey
Martin, purple	6/20	1 m-FR 316	Montezuma County	Montezuma	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival
Bushtit	6/20	8	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Thrush, gray-cheeked	6/2	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek
Thrush, wood	6/22	1 singing	Lair O' the Bear Park	Jefferson	Pat Conner, Karleen Schofield
Warbler, Lucy's	6/19	2-singing	Yellow Jacket Canyon	Montezuma	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival
Warbler, Grace's	6/2	1 f !!!!!	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek
Waterthrush, Northern	6/15	1	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Tanager, summer	6/19	1m calling, 1 f	Yellow Jacket Canyon	Montezuma	Joey Kellner, Brandon Percival
Towhee, canyon	6/9	1 ad	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Sparrow, Cassin's	6/16	1-singing	Chatfield Reservoir	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek
Grosbeak, rose-breasted	6/2	1 f	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek
Grosbeak, rose-breasted	6/2	1 m	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Glenn
Grosbeak, rose-breasted	6/2	1 m singing partial song	Private Cheyenne Co.	Cheyenne	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Glenn Walbek

DATE	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
LOCATION	CHE	GUL	QUI	CHA	LYO	ROC	GOL	SIL	CAS	EVA	HAL	STA
Pied-billed Grebe	2											
Western Grebe	1		3	10								
American White Pelican	30		16	6								
Double-crested Cormorant	76		5	4	4							
Great Blue Heron	9				1							
Black-crowned Night-Heron	6											
Wood Stork									5			
Turkey Vulture	4	1		1	2	2					4	
Canada Goose	85		21	45								
Gadwall	7											
Mallard	44		3	1	3					12	1	
Blue-winged Teal	10			1								
Cinnamon Teal	8			1								
Northern Shoveler	14											
Green-winged Teal	6											
Common Merganser					9							
Ruddy Duck	3											
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1										
Cooper's Hawk				2								1
Swainson's Hawk	4				2							
Red-tailed Hawk	6	1		1	5	1	1		2		1	2
Rough-legged Hawk												
Golden Eagle					3							
American Kestrel		3			1				1			
Prairie Falcon					1							
Ring-necked Pheasant	1											
Virginia Rail	2											
American Coot	6			1								
Killdeer	7		2									
Spotted Sandpiper	3			3								
Long-billed Dowitcher												
Red-necked Phalarope												
Ivory Gull												
Rock Pigeon	70	1	12		17	1						
Band-tailed Pigeon										1		
Mourning Dove	16	5	21	10	3	6	2		4			5
White-throated Swift					3							
Black-chinned Hummingbird	3											
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		4			8	9	7		8	12	7	50
Rufous Hummingbird												
Belted Kingfisher			2	3								
Williamson's Sapsucker						4	2					
Red-naped Sapsucker						1	5				1	
Downy Woodpecker				2	1	1	2				1	
Hairy Woodpecker						3	2		1			1
Northern Flicker		1	5		3	4	3		3	1	4	

DATE	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	TOTAL
LOCATION	CHE	GUL	QUI	CHA	LYO	ROC	GOL	SIL	CAS	EVA	HAL	STA	
"Red-shafted" race		(1)											(1)
Olive-sided Flycatcher							2						2
Western Wood-Pewee				10	4	4	2		1			1	22
Willow Flycatcher				1									1
Least Flycatcher				3									3
Hammond's Flycatcher							2						2
Dusky Flycatcher							8						8
Cordilleran Flycatcher					6		2		5	2		7	22
Buff-breasted Flycatcher													0
Say's Phoebe					1								1
Western Kingbird	5	1		1	1								8
Eastern Kingbird	1			1									2
Plumbeous Vireo		3											3
Warbling Vireo		2		2	1	4	12				4	3	28
Gray Jay										3			3
Steller's Jay		1			1	2	3		1	1	2	2	13
Blue Jay			2	1	2								5
Western Scrub-Jay		4							3				7
Pinyon Jay					2								2
Clark's Nutcracker						1				1			2
Black-billed Magpie	5	3			3	9	1		1			2	24
American Crow	4	2	1	3		2			4	1		5	22
Common Raven		1	1	1	3	7				1			14
Tree Swallow	8	1			1	6	4		12	1	15		48
Violet-green Swallow		5			20	18	5		25		1	3	77
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2		3	2									7
Bank Swallow				60									60
Cliff Swallow	30			30	3				12				75
Barn Swallow	10		7	1	3								21
Black-capped Chickadee	1	4		2	1		2					5	15
Mountain Chickadee		1			1	2	5		1	2		13	25
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1						1
White-breasted Nuthatch					4	1	1		3			4	13
Pygmy Nuthatch					5	2	4					10	21
Brown Creeper												4	4
Rock Wren		2							2				4
Canyon Wren		1			1				1				3
House Wren		2	2	12	4	21	6		2			3	52
Marsh Wren	5												5
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1						1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2	4			2	1	6	15
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	1		2					6				10
Western Bluebird					2	1			3			5	11
Mountain Bluebird					3	6	4		6	4	8		31

June 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

DATE	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	TOTAL
LOCATION	CHE	GUL	QUI	CHA	LYO	ROC	GOL	SIL	CAS	EVA	HAL	STA	
Townsend's Solitaire		1					1				1	4	7
Hermit Thrush										1	1		2
American Robin	16	1		9	7	6	9		4	4	15	10	81
Gray Catbird	2			4	4				1				11
Northern Mockingbird	1												1
European Starling	12	3	8	10	2								35
American Pipit										7			7
Cedar Waxwing				6	6								12
Orange-crowned Warbler							1						1
Virginia's Warbler		2											2
Yellow Warbler	8	3	6	21	9				3			1	51
Yellow-rumped Warbler							6			2		2	10
"Audubon's" race							6					2	(8)
American Redstart				1									1
Common Yellowthroat	4			1									5
Wilson's Warbler										1	1		2
Yellow-breasted Chat		14		6	1								21
Western Tanager		2				2	2		1			6	13
Green-tailed Towhee		5					1						6
Spotted Towhee		18			5				5				28
Chipping Sparrow		3			2	4	5				5	11	30
Vesper Sparrow				1	1								2
Lark Sparrow				1	2								3
Grasshopper Sparrow				2									2
Fox Sparrow							1						1
Song Sparrow	9			2	4	1	5				1		22
Lincoln's Sparrow						3	12			1			16
White-crowned Sparrow										3			3
Dark-eyed Junco						2	6			2	2	5	17
"Gray-headed" race							6				(2)		(8)
Black-headed Grosbeak		2		1	1		2		4			4	14
Lazuli Bunting		8			1								9
Bobolink					3								3
Red-winged Blackbird	22	2		2	5	2			1	1			35
Western Meadowlark	25		2	7	2				3				39
Brewer's Blackbird	2	2			3		4			2			13
Common Grackle	32	2	27	2	4								67
Brown-headed Cowbird	12	1			3		5		3			1	25
Bullock's Oriole	8	1	4	1	7								21
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch										2			2
Pine Grosbeak										1			1
Cassin's Finch						5							5
House Finch	11	6	15	4	10				3			7	56
Red Crossbill						5							5
Pine Siskin						2	4		3	3	1	3	16
Lesser Goldfinch		2		8	17				3				30
"Green-backed" race									3				(3)
American Goldfinch	14			4	4				3				25
House Sparrow	2	1											3
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	675	130	168	316	241	152	157	0	149	74	77	186	2,325
TOTAL SPECIES	52	44	22	51	61	36	42	0	37	27	21	31	129

June Report from Tayside, Angus Dundee Bird Club

The Denver Field Ornithologists and the Angus Dundee Bird Club signed a Twinning Charter in September 2003. Many of the Scottish birders visited the Denver area a couple of years ago, and we are always being encouraged to get in touch with them if we want to do some birding in Scotland. I was there last week, and was lucky to go birding with Bob and Doris. We had a good day, and I was able to visit two wonderful hides the club had erected.

HIGHLIGHTS - A RED NECKED PHALAROPE visited Forfar Loch briefly on 20th.

A TEMMINCK'S STINT was at Murton Reserve Forfar on 4th.

HOBBIES were seen at Kirriemuir on 14th and at Arbroath on 7th. The GREAT REED WARBLER still at R.S.P.B. Loch of Kinnordy reserve on 25th. A CRANE came in off the sea at Arbroath on 16th and 25th. MANX SHEARWATERS passed Lunan Bay on 25th.

MONTROSE BASIN -- Raptors present on 11th were, OSPREY, (Daily) SPARROWHAWK, KESTREL, and BUZZARD, Geese present were, BRENT GOOSE, PINKFEET, GREYLAG, AND 3 BAR-HEADED GEESE (unknown origin)

Sawbills numbered 57 RED BREASTED MERGANSERS and 30 GOOSEANDERS,

A count of 350 EIDER DUCKLINGS, showed signs of a successful season,

A count of 158 MUTE SWANS AND 2 WHOOPER SWANS made on 11th.

Waders were represented on 11th by 95 CURLEWS, 41 LAPWINGS, 7 GOLDEN EYE, 6 TUFTED, 8 SHELLDUCK CHICKS, and 29 CORMORANTS, 3 RINGED PLOVER, 193 OYSTER-CATCHERS and 2 BLACK TAILED GODWITS, 8 SWALLOWS AND 30 SAND MARTINS.

OTHER SITES -- GLEN LETHNOT - 4 RING OUZELS, 6 WHEATEARS, 2 DIPPERS, 1 SPOTTED FLY, 1 COMMON SANDPIPER, AND 2 STONECHATS,

FERRY DEN -- 13 LITTLE TERNS AND 2 ARCTIC TERN on 2nd.

CRAIG MILL DEN -- 1 BLACKCAP, WILLOW WARBLER, SONGTHRUSH, WHITETHROAT,

GLEN SHEE -- RING OUZEL, WHEATEARS, COMMON SAND PIPER, and STONECHATS 22nd.

GLEN TURRET -- 6 RAVEN, 1 OSPREY, 1 PEREGRINE, 2 RING OUZELS, TWITE, and a HEN HARRIER all on 24th.

BALKELLO COUNTRY PARK -- GARDEN WARBLER, WHITETHROATS, BLACKCAP, REDPOLL, CUCKOO, AND STONECHATS. ALL ON 3RD.

GLEN PROSEN -- 1 SPOTTED FLYCATCHER, 1 TREE PIPIT, 2 WHINCHATS, GREY WAGTAIL all on 5th

MAINS OF USAN -- 6 CANADA GEESE flew North on 10th.

CARNOUSTIE BAY 400 COMMON SCOTER, AND 1 ARCTIC SKUA in bay on 20th.

BARRY BUDDON 1 JAY (rare on B/Buddon) 2 MAGPIES, 8 LAPWINGS, AND 2 WHITETHROATS On 23rd.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Please indicate whether this is a **New Membership** or a **Renewal**

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st. If you would prefer to have the Lark Bunting emailed to you, please include your email address.

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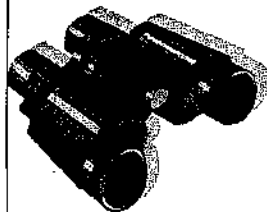
Pearl Jordan "Birding the World"

Monthly meetings resume....

September 6, 7.30pm at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

In the 2005 ABA List Report (under World on page 57) Pearl S. Jordan, one of our DFO members, is #20 with 6854 species. Pearl, of Lakewood, starting birding locally in 1985 after her children were grown, and internationally in 1996 a couple of years after her retirement. She has birded in over 140 "destinations" counting countries and islands (as defined by the Travelers' Century Club). At the September 6 Denver Field Ornithologist meeting Pearl will show photos and talk about the families of birds of the world of which she has seen at least one species. Rumor has it that she is over 7000 species now. Part of the program will include resources she uses for economical travel.

Please note that the meeting in September will be held in the Ricketson Auditorium.



FALL COUNT SCHEDULE 2006

Denver has conducted Fall Bird Counts for over 20 years. Denver Field Ornithologists and ASGD sponsor this tradition. No fees, but some sites require a state parks pass or pre-registration. Bring binoculars, scopes for the reservoir counts, field guide, and lunch. Everyone welcome to help – more eyes see more birds. Please call the leader if you plan to attend.

Thursday, September 7

Lower Bear Creek & Marston Lake

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947.

Meet at 0800 at northwest corner of Hampden (US 285) and So. Sheridan Blvd., in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

Saturday, September 9

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Bob Brown, 303-791-6204, Meet at 0700 at Marina, inside west gate near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

Chatfield State Park

Leader, Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0630 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

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Fall Count, continued

Saturday, September 9, continued

Barr Lake periphery. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina. Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet at 0700 at entrance gate to Barr Lake State Park.

Waterton, downstream. 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed. Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon).

Sunday September 10

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet at 0630 at the Homestead. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance; Homestead is first parking lot on the left. State Parks pass required.

Barr Lake State Park. This is a ten-mile (or equivalent), all-day hike around the lake. Leader: Dick Schotler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at RMBO, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane. South off Bromley Lane; from I-76, first road east of railroad track. State Parks pass required.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Call leader to sign up, before August 23.

AUDUBON CONGRATULATES EPA FOR BANNING DANGEROUS PESTICIDE

Washington, DC, August 3, 2006 - "We congratulate the Environmental Protection Agency for banning the use of the deadly pesticide carbofuran. By resisting intense lobbying pressure to keep the dangerous chemical on the market, they have ensured that millions of birds will no longer need to suffer and die simply because they came into contact with farms that used carbofuran, or contaminated water and wildlife with the chemical."

Conservation groups strongly favor banning the pesticide because it is extremely toxic to birds, and very small quantities can be deadly. More than fifty species of birds including the bald and golden eagles, eastern bluebird, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, kestrel, northern pintail, and blue-winged teal have been documented as having died from carbofuran poisoning. EPA estimated a granular form of the chemical killed up to two million birds per year. The granular form was previously made illegal, and now the deadly liquid form will come off the market. Carbofuran doesn't kill just birds, it can contaminate water and kill fish and mammals that ingest contaminated prey. Some research has also shown it can negatively affect the health of farm workers.

For more information: http://www.audubon.org/news/press_releases/EPABan_08_03_06.html

July 2006 Field Trip Summaries

July 1-3, Sat-Mon*North Park (NOR)*

Leader(s): Chuck Lowrie. **Observers:** Susan Barnhart, Gail Campbell, Diane Carter, Carol Cogswell, Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Hutchison, Ed Joy, Pat Joy, Chris Owens, Nina Routh, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0530-2100. **Distance:** 145 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Sage, grassland, residential, lakes, willow carr, deciduous and coniferous forest, elevation 8099-9300'. **Weather:** Clear to overcast, rain, 51-80°F, west to northwest wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 108 species, 1667 individuals.

July 8, Saturday*Chimney Gulch (CHI)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Terry Gruth, Sandra Menefee, Buz Schaumberg, Bob Shade. **Time:** 0715-1145. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain shrub, mountain grassland, mountain riparian, spruce/fir forest. **Weather:** Overcast, turning to downpour. **Totals:** 32 species, 119 individuals.

July 9, Sunday*Gregory Canyon and Boblink Trailhead in Boulder (GRE)*

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0730-1000. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Scrub oak, pine, willow, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Light drizzle, overcast, 60°F, no wind. **Totals:** 32 species, 103 individuals.

July 15, Saturday*Filius Park - Echo and Summit Lakes, Mt Evans (FIL)*

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** Debra Bogar, Jean Frazier, Michaelle Griffin, Ingrid Huskey, Paul Korby, Polleke Siraa, Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0330-1415. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa pine, engelmann spruce, lakes and tundra, elevation 7800-12800'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, partly cloudy, 65-75°F, variable, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 114 individuals.

July 16, Sunday*Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch (DEE) - Cancelled.***July 22, Saturday***Lair of the Bear and Mt Falcon (LAI)*

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Linda Black, Jean Davis, Patty Echelmeyer, Ellie Jones, Neil Montague, Nina Rough, Sue Schulman, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0700-1330. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, riparian prairie, brushy slopes, coniferous woodland. **Weather:** Clear, sunny, warm, 70-85°F, wind 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 183 individuals.

July 23, Sunday*Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Dee DeJong. **Observers:** Kathanne Lynch. **Time:** 0845-1245. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, foothills, pine forest, elevation 7700'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 70-80°F, no wind. **Totals:** 28 species, 100 individuals.

July 29, Saturday*Lyons and Foothills (LYO)*

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Dianne Andrews, Jessie Armstrong, Don Beltz, Terry and Kathy Benjamin, Dana Charles, Jean Davis, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Allen Hagood, Paula Hansley, Ed Holub, Wayne and Diana Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Marcia Millihan, Caleb and Tonia Milne, John Potter, Kristin Salamaek, Polleke Siraa, Ian Sweeney, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1430. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian mountain stream at 8400' with hummingbird feeders, open ponderosa with seed feeders at 6000'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 74-94°F. **Totals:** 37 species, 241 individuals.

July 30, Sunday*Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Mary Ellen Sargent, Marcia Millikan, Glen Rodriguez. **Totals:** 33 species, 213 individuals.

Tuesday Birders**July 11***Reynolds Park, Jeffco Open Space (REY)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 30 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by

July 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian cottonwood, willow, ponderosa pine and douglas fir, elevation 6000-7400'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 58-76°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 90 individuals.

July 18 *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, willow, meadows, aspen, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, elevation 8100-9500'. **Weather:** Sunny, 66-88°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 105 individuals.

July 25 *Evergreen Lake, Mt Evans Elk Mgt Area, Ground Hog Flats Creek Trail (EVE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 16. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, spruce and aspen, elevation 7040-12000'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with light shower at noon, 61-77°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 217 individuals.

Additional Reports July 2006

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Chukar	6/6-7/13	1 ad, 3 chicks	Franktown	Douglas	Ron Kmiecik
Chukar	6/6	1 ad, 15 chicks	Franktown	Douglas	Ron Kmiecik
Dove, Eurasian-Collared	7/10	1	Leadville	Lake	Patty Echelmeyer
Hummingbird, Bl-chinned	7/18	1 m	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Hummingbird, Calliope	7/2, 7/13-31	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Cardinal, Northern	7/4	1	Willow Springs	Jefferson	Ronda Woodward, Betty Harwood. It stayed and fed all day, called often and was very comfortable coming to the feeder. Gone next day. Photo
Cardinal, Northern	7/29	1 m, singing	Chatfield S.P.	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Bunting, Lazuli/Indigo hybrid	7/9	1 m	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Bunting, Painted	7/3-7/9	1 m	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	Joey Kellner



D.F.O. Raptor Photography Workshop with W. Perry Conway Saturday, November 11, 2006

We still have space available for this exciting, one day, raptor photography workshop. Photograph eagles, falcons, owls, and more. If you have an interest, or know someone who does, please call Chris Blakeslee (303-694-4670) for further information.

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July 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1-3	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30	4	11	18	25	
LOCATION	NOR	CHI	GRE	FIL	DEE	LAI	GOL	LYO	ROC	REY	GOL	EVE		
Franklin's Gull	4													4
Ring-billed Gull	2													2
California Gull	30													30
Ivory Gull														0
gull sp.								22						22
Forster's Tern	5													5
Rock Pigeon	8							15	3					26
Band-tailed Pigeon								4	10					14
Mourning Dove	10		2			2	1	5	1	1		2		24
Common Nighthawk	2													2
Black-chinned Hummingbird						1								1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	10	3	8	13		10	13	99	6	6	12	8		188
Rufous Hummingbird	1			3		1	1	8	2					16
Belted Kingfisher	2					1						1		4
Williamson's Sapsucker										4				4
Red-naped Sapsucker	2							2						4
Downy Woodpecker	3		1			1					1			6
Hairy Woodpecker		2		1				3	2					8
"Rocky Mountain" race				1										(1)
Northern Flicker	6	5	2	1		2	8	2	3	4	6	4		43
"Red-shafted" race				(1)			(8)							(9)
Olive-sided Flycatcher												2		2
Western Wood-Pewee	2	1	2	3		5	1		6		2	1		23
Least Flycatcher										1				1
Dusky Flycatcher									1					1
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1	6			12	4			5	4	2		34
Buff-breasted Flycatcher														0
empidonax sp.	2													2
Plumbeous Vireo						1								1
Warbling Vireo	1	2	6			11	3		1	2	1			27
Gray Jay	4			1			1							6
Steller's Jay				3			1	4	2	8		3		21
Western Scrub-Jay		4												4
Pinyon Jay								1						1
Clark's Nutcracker				1				4						5
Black-billed Magpie	15	5	1	4				2	7	1				35
American Crow	10	1		4			2			1	2	12		32
Common Raven	10	1	2	14				1	7			1		36
Horned Lark	2													2
Tree Swallow	18		1			2		1		2	1	4		29
Violet-green Swallow	2	2	1	4		8	3	3	48	1	5	30		107
Northern Rough-winged Swallow						1								1
Cliff Swallow	60	2							45			6		113
Barn Swallow	8		1					2				24		35
Black-capped Chickadee	1	3	2			7					3	1		17
Mountain Chickadee	1	1	6	2		5	13	5	2	6		3		44
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1	2				1	1		5
White-breasted Nuthatch		3	2	1		4	4	2		9	1			26
Pygmy Nuthatch		9		4			3	5	3		1			25
Canyon Wren			1											1
House Wren	8	1	1	3		9	7		9	3	10	4		55
Marsh Wren	10													10
American Dipper								1	2					3

July 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1-3 NOR	8 CHI	9 GRE	15 FIL	16 DEE	22 LAI	23 GOL	29 LYO	30 ROC	4 REY	11 GOL	18 EVE	25 EVE	
Golden-crowned Kinglet								1						1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2						1		1		4	1	1	10
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						4								4
Western Bluebird		3		4				1				7		15
Mountain Bluebird	10			2				3	4			9		28
Hermit Thrush										1				1
American Robin	12	4	6	6		5	3	7	1	5	2	4		55
Gray Catbird			3			1								4
Sage Thrasher	10													10
European Starling	10		1											11
American Pipit				3										3
Cedar Waxwing						20								20
Yellow Warbler	20	1				15				3				39
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1						4			1		1		7
"Audubon's" race	1						4					1		(6)
MacGillivray's Warbler						1								1
Common Yellowthroat	1					1	1							3
Wilson's Warbler	12													12
Yellow-breasted Chat		14	2											16
Western Tanager	2	2	5							7	1			17
Green-tailed Towhee	1			1			1			2				5
Spotted Towhee	1	17	30			7		1						56
Chipping Sparrow	6			5				5	13	1		10		40
Brewer's Sparrow	5													5
Vesper Sparrow	6													6
Lark Sparrow	2							2						4
Lark Bunting	1													1
Savannah Sparrow	6													6
Fox Sparrow	1													1
Song Sparrow	10	2	1			3	3	1			4	1		25
Lincoln's Sparrow	4			6					8			4		22
White-crowned Sparrow	10			5										15
Dark-eyed Junco	6	3		2		4		2	2		10	2		31
"Gray-headed" race		(3)		2								2		(7)
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	1	2					2		3				9
Lazuli Bunting		10				5		1						16
Bobolink			1											1
Red-winged Blackbird	60		1				9			2	2	30		104
Western Meadowlark	6		1											7
Yellow-headed Blackbird	80													80
Brewer's Blackbird	20													20
Common Grackle	15										3	1		19
Brown-headed Cowbird	20	3		4							4			31
Bullock's Oriole		6	1											7
Cassin's Finch							2		1			1		4
House Finch	10	4	2			3	3	10			5	2		39
Red Crossbill				2								2		4
Pine Siskin	6			8			1		4	4	3	6		32
Lesser Goldfinch		2				25		11		1	3			42
American Goldfinch	2									1				3
House Sparrow	10		1											11
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1667	119	103	114	0	183	100	241	213	0	90	105	217	3,152
TOTAL SPECIES	108	32	32	30	0	35	28	37	33	0	29	28	37	145

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,
 c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to,
 x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated



Birding News from the UK

On a recent trip home to Scotland for a family wedding, I squeezed in time (of course!) for some birding. Bob, Doris and I visited four spots, two of which are hides, one in fairly dense forest, very well camouflaged with an old military tank cover, the other on the sea shore, state-of-the art, that the Angus and Dundee Bird Club had built.

Just to whet your UK birding appetite, here's a short list of what we saw/heard.



FOREST HIDE

Great Spot, W/ Pecker
Green woodpecker
Swift
Wren
Wood Pigeon
Collared Dove
Song Thrush
Black /Bird
Willow Warbler
Coal Tit
Blue Tit
Great Tit
Jackdaw
Rook
Carrion Crow
Green Finch
Starling
Gold Finch
Siskin
House Sparrow
Yellow Hammer (song - a little bit of bread but no cheese!)

MONTROSE BASIN

Shelduck
Lapwing
Curlew
Redshank
Sand Martin
Swallow
Pied Wagtail

RESCOBIE LOCH
Grey Heron
Mallard
Pochard
Tufted Duck
Moorhen

LUNAN BAY HIDE

Eider
Common Scoter
Red Brst. Merg.
Buzzard
Kestrel
Black-H, Gull
Lesser Black Backed Gull
Herring Gull
Kittiewake
Razor Bill



<http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/m/minsmere/index.asp>

Minsmere is one of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' (RSPB) most famous nature reserves. It has been an RSPB reserve for over 50 years and pioneered the use of observation hides and management of wetland areas to enable visitors to see a sample of the huge range of birds that pass along the Suffolk coast.

My brother and I came twice, unable to stay away. Notable birds for us were the Graylag goose, Barnacle goose, Spotted redshank, Black-tailed godwit, and three Little Terns. Great birding, much more fun than spending money in Fortnum and Mason!



Welcome New Members!

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Dead Birds?

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science will be happy to take salvage birds to incorporate into its research and educational collections. Please be sure to use gloves or a plastic bag when picking up the bird (and don't forget to wash your hands afterwards).

Put the body in a cooler or larger plastic bag with wrapped ice or a cool pack and store it in your freezer until it is time to bring it in. On a piece of paper, please note the locality, date and the collector's name. Please feel free to call Jeff Stephenson, the Zoology Department Collections Manager to arrange a time or bring your specimen to the next DFO meeting.

Thank you.

Jeff Stephenson

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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be sent to the Editor no later than the 5th of the month for the following month's issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse any submittals, and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.



Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net.

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Denver Field Ornithologists

2006 Membership Application

Please indicate whether this is a **New Membership** or a **Renewal**

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st. If you would prefer to have the Lark Bunting emailed to you, please include your email address.

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Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$____

DFO awards grants to individuals or organizations whose mission fosters public education concerning various aspects of the study of birds such as their identification, voice, habits, habitats as well as preservation.

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Pearl Jordan "Birding the World"

September 6, 7.30pm
Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

In the 2005 ABA List Report (under World on page 57) Pearl S. Jordan, one of our DFO members, is #20 with 6854 species. Pearl, of Lakewood, starting birding locally in 1985 after her children were grown, and internationally in 1996 a couple of years after her retirement. She has birded in over 140 "destinations" counting countries and islands (as defined by the Travelers' Century Club). At the September 6 Denver Field Ornithologist meeting Pearl will show photos and talk about the families of birds of the world of which she has seen at least one species. Rumor has it that she is over 7000 species now. Part of the program will include resources she uses for economical travel.

Please note that the meeting in September will be held in the Ricketson Auditorium.





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Raptors - A Barometer of Environmental Health

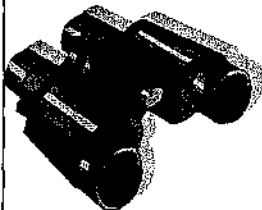
Wednesday October 4, 2006 7.30pm



Raptor Education Foundation docent, Kevin Dorwin, will show a live raptor and discuss how eagles, hawks, and owls are barometers of environmental health. The birds in the Foundation's care are permanently impaired, cannot be released back into the wild, and have found a new home as educators and nature's ambassadors.

You may already have met Kevin, because he is also a volunteer naturalist at Roxborough State Park and works on Denver Audubon's Blue Bird project.

Denver Field Ornithologists meeting October 4, 2006 at 7:30 pm in Ricketson



October Field Trips

Sunday, October 1

Fountain Creek

Leader: Sue Schulman (303) 773-3540. Meet at 0800 at Fountain Creek Regional Park Nature Center. Take I-25 South to Exit 132 (Fountain Creek). Cross over I-25 heading east on CO 16, then turn right (south) on US 85 for about ½ mile to entrance on right. Full day trip. Bring lunch and water. We'll possibly include Big Johnson Reservoir. Fall migrants – we hope! Call Sue for carpooling information.

Saturday, October 7

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: Paula Hansley (720) 890-2628. Contact leader for trip details.

Sunday, October 8

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub (303) 979-2194. Meet at 0730 at swim beach parking lot. From C-470 take Wadsworth South 1.5 miles to park entrance. Bring lunch and water and be ready to tally a good list! State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, October 14

Sand Creek Park

Leader: Mary Ann Bonnell (720) 319-1931. Meet at 0830 in parking lot. Park is just off Peoria on Fitzsimmons Parkway (which is approximately 26th Avenue, just north of Fitzsimmons golf course – east side of Peoria.) ½ day trip, lunch optional. Mary Ann is eager to share Aurora's birds with us.

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October Field Trips

Sunday, October 15

South Platte Park

Leader: Nina Routh (303) 987-8687. Meet at 0800 at west side of visitor center. Park is just west of Light Rail station, (west on Mineral from Santa Fe.) ½ day trip, lunch optional. Nina is a volunteer at the park and knows the habitat and the birds.

Saturday, October 21

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303) 424-8633. Space is limited for this ½ day trip. Call leader to register and get directions. David is up to date on comings and goings of the Arsenal's birds.

Sunday, October 22

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Bob Righter (303) 692-8529. Meet at 0800 at marina. Go east on Union Avenue from Yosemite, past Cherry Creek High School to park entrance on north side. Lunch optional. You'll appreciate Bob's knowledge and enjoy his style. Park pass required.

Saturday, October 28

Longmont Circle of Lakes

Leader: Dick Pratt (303) 651-6860. Meet at 0830. Take I-25 north to Longmont, exit 240. (Hwy 119) Meet at southeast corner of intersection at Park n Ride, opposite Wendy's. Full day – bring lunch and water. Dick knows the area's birds and its geology.

Sunday, October 29

Parker Regional Park (Daylight Savings time ends at 2 AM)

Leader: Mary Burger (303) 771-3431. Meet at 0830. From intersection of Main street and Highway 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right at Indian Pipe Lane. Meet in parking area. Will bird till early afternoon, lunch optional. Easy walking in varied habitats. More Fall migrants.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer

Compiled by Cris Cook

ABC Teams with ABA To Promote Shade-Grown Coffee

ABC (American Bird Conservancy, <http://www.abcbirds.org/>) is delighted to partner with American Birding Association (ABA) in an effort to help coffee growers preserve crucial habitat in plantations surrounding the new Cerulean Warbler Bird Reserve in Colombia (*Bird Calls* Vol.9, No. 3). The farmers are encouraged to grow bean varieties that do well in shade, enabling suitable tree canopy habitat to be maintained for Ceruleans. ABC helps identify key "shade coffee" habitats for the farmers, and is working to find a market for their coffee among U.S. consumers.

Win-win Conservation Plan Proposed for Florida Scrub-Jay

FWS (US Fish & Wildlife Service) has proposed a conservation plan that could result in significant habitat gains for one of Florida's most endangered bird species, the Florida Scrub-Jay. Under this plan, property owners in 34 Florida counties would be allowed to develop their land, regardless of whether the jays were present. In return, they would have to pay a fee that would go towards the purchase of alternative habitat suitable for the jays.

This plan would only apply if the land in question was less than an acre in size and located in an urban area. It has been estimated that the development of these urban areas would swallow up 14,928 acres of existing scrub jay habitat, but that habitat is already highly fragmented. FWS and project partner The Nature Conservancy hope to preserve double that acreage, consolidated in larger, more usable blocks of habitat. The plan is still under consideration by FWS.

August 2006 Field Trip Summaries

August 5, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Warren Finch. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 70-76°F, southwest wind, 1-3 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 526 individuals.

August 6, Sunday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Steve and Kathryn Smith. **Time:** 0745-1515. **Distance:** 22.5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain parks, forests, rivers and streams, elevation 8500+'. **Weather:** Pleasant, partly to mostly cloudy, 55-75°F. **Totals:** 41 species, 202 individuals.

August 12, Saturday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown. **Observers:** Mary Burger, Gale Daniel, Bill Eden, Mike Foster, Peggy Gonder. **Time:** 0730-1100. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Near foothills riparian, elevation 6199'. **Weather:** Some high thin clouds, 65-75°F, south wind, 5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 112 individuals.

August 13, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Tammy Sanders. **Observers:** Kathleen Ottercrans, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0700. **Distance:** 33 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountains. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 69-75°F, wind 5-10 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 344 individuals.

August 19, Saturday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens. **Observers:** Todd Deninger, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Marcia Millikan, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0700-1000. **Distance:** 13.7 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds, lakes, riparian, agricultural, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Overcast, rainy, 70°F, north wind 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 2220 individuals.

August 20, Sunday *Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (PRO)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Craig Anderson, Jean Davis, Todd Deininger, Jim Fischer, Norma Kamby, Alison Kondler, Monna Krebs, Ty Mechling, Glenn Rodriguez, Sandy and Don Starrett, Ben Stringer, Barbara Thomas. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, gravel pits. **Weather:** Sun, 65-84°F, calm. **Totals:** 37 species, 293 individuals.

August 26, Saturday *Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Lou Diamond, Leslie Gerard, Patti O'Neal. **Time:** 0730-0900. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and suburban, elevation 5240'. **Weather:** Overcast changing to rain, 50-55°F, southwest wind, 3-5 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 325 individuals.

August 27, Sunday *Northeastern Colorado, Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs (NOR)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Lisa Edwards, Norm Erthal, Bill Fink, Allen Hagood, Allison Hilf, Steve Larson, Charlie Lawrence, Chris Owens, Nathan Pieplow, Joe Roller, Polleke Siraa, Andrew Spencer, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 070-1830. **Distance:** 252 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains short grass prairie, plains riparian, plains reservoir, plains agriculture. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly cloudy, 59-74°F, northwest wind, 0-30 mph. **Totals:** 125 species, 15275 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

August 1 *South Side Guanella Pass – Grant to Burning Bear Campground (GUA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 19. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lodgepole pine, aspen, willow tundra, spruce and woodlands, elevation 8200-9700'. **Weather:** Clear to cloudy, 65-75°F, northeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 15 species, 82 individuals.

August 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

August 8 *Vail Pass, Shrine Pass & Mt Holly Cross Overlook (VAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 9. **Time:** 1000-1300. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pond, willow, pine, aspen, and spruce, elevation 11200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 60°F, calm wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 16 species, 44 individuals.

August 15 *Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (PIN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, blue spruce and grassy meadows, elevation 7200'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 62-79°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 26 species, 122 individuals.

August 22 *Flying J Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (FLY)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 28. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.7 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa and lodgepole pine, douglas fir, woodland with some meadows, elevation 8000-8200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, 62-75°F, variable wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 19 species, 71 individuals.

August 29 *Lair O'The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell, Alice Kruse and Arlene Larson. **Observers:** 33 (three groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny, 54-68°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 129 individuals.

From the Audubon Denver Society of Greater Denver

Beginning Bird Watching Class

DATES: Thursday, September 21 at 7-9pm – classroom session at the Audubon Center at Chatfield
Field trips: Saturdays, September 25, 30, October 7 - 28: 8am-1pm –trips to bird watching sites around Denver: Chatfield, Barr Lake, and Castlewood Canyon state parks, Wheat Ridge greenbelt, and Genesee Mountain.

LEADERS: Urling & Hugh Kingery

Pre-registration is required.

FEE: \$125 / Friends member, \$150 / non-member

To register for a program, please call 303-973-9530 or e-mail info@denveraudubon.org or register on line at <http://www.denveraudubon.org/classes2.htm>

From Colorado Field Ornithologists

September 17-18, 2006: Pelagic Birding in Monterey, California

Colorado Field Ornithologists has organized a trip to Monterey, California for pelagic seabirding on Sunday, September 17 and Monday, September 18.

On Sept. 17 we will be heading offshore to the Albacore Grounds. This 12-hour trip aims for temperature breaks where specialty Murrelets (like Xantus's and Craver's) are hoped for, as well as other birds and potential rarities not as likely in Monterey Bay.

On Sept. 18, our destination will be the Monterey Bay Submarine Canyon, a legendary near-shore feature responsible for strong concentrations of seabirds attracted by upwelling currents. This will be a 7-hour trip, with multiple Albatross, Shearwater, Storm-Petrel, Skua/Jaeger, Gull, Tern, Murre, Guillemot, Murrelet, Auklet, Puffin, and other marine species possible.

For more information: http://www.cfo-link.org/members/field_trips.php

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SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5 BAR	6 ROC	12 ROX	13 GOL	19 LON	20 PRO	26 PAR	27 NOR	1 GUA	8 VAI	15 PIN	22 FLY	29 LAI	
Pied-billed Grebe					24	2		7						33
Western Grebe	2				1500									1502
American White Pelican	33				15			7000						7048
Double-crested Cormorant	9				1	19	15	115						159
Great Blue Heron	12				6	2	6	96						122
Great Egret					20									20
Snowy Egret	5				1	1		30						37
Black-crowned Night-Heron					1	2	3	7						13
White-faced Ibis								6						6
Turkey Vulture			4											4
Canada Goose	200			12	27	50		52						341
Wood Duck						2		6						8
Gadwall	9				1	3		45						58
American Wigeon					1			4						5
Mallard	20	6			45	46	6	50			5			178
Blue-winged Teal					1	3		16						20
Northern Shoveler	10							35						45
Northern Pintail								9						9
Green-winged Teal		6			1			280						287
Redhead								6						6
Ruddy Duck								2						2
Bald Eagle	1													1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1							2
Cooper's Hawk			1			2		1		1				5
Northern Goshawk									1					1
accipiter sp.													1	1
Swainson's Hawk	4							5						9
Red-tailed Hawk		1	4	6				6	2		2		1	22
western races		1												(1)
Ferruginous Hawk	1													1
Golden Eagle		1		3							1		2	7
American Kestrel				3	2	2	2	16						25
Peregrine Falcon								4						4
Prairie Falcon								1						1
Wild Turkey								10						10
American Coot					55			70						125
Black-bellied Plover								1						1
Snowy Plover								2						2
Semipalmated Plover	20							1						21
Killdeer	15				7	1	2	235						260
Mountain Plover								20						20
American Avocet								77						77
Greater Yellowlegs								6						6
Lesser Yellowlegs					1			102						103
Solitary Sandpiper								1						1
Willet								3						3

August 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	BAR	ROC	ROX	GOL	LON	PRO	PAR	NOR	GUA	VAI	PIN	FLY	LAI	
Spotted Sandpiper	6	1				1	1	6						15
Marbled Godwit								3						3
Ruddy Turnstone								1						1
Sanderling								2						2
Semipalmated Sandpiper					4			36						40
Western Sandpiper								2						2
Least Sandpiper								345						345
Baird's Sandpiper	20							3650						3670
Pectoral Sandpiper								5						5
Stilt Sandpiper								160						160
Short-billed Dowitcher								2						2
Long-billed Dowitcher	2				3			35						40
Wilson's Snipe		4			6							1		11
Wilson's Phalarope								400						400
Red-necked Phalarope								3						3
Franklin's Gull					20			35						55
Ring-billed Gull	40				47	6	10	52						155
California Gull								10						10
Herring Gull								1						1
Ivory Gull														0
Forster's Tern					15			5						20
Black Tern					7			83						90
Rock Pigeon			5	2		5	25	19						56
Eurasian Collared-dove					2			1						3
Mourning Dove	25	2		10	37	8	10	68					1	161
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1													1
Barn Owl								1						1
Common Nighthawk								2						2
White-throated Swift			12											12
Calliope Hummingbird					1									1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5	4	14	1	2			4	2	22	10	13	77
Rufous Hummingbird				1						4			1	6
Belted Kingfisher						1	1							2
Red-headed Woodpecker								4						4
Williamson's Sapsucker											1			1
Red-naped Sapsucker		2										1		3
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	1	1	2		3					2	12
"eastern" race	2					2								(4)
Hairy Woodpecker				1				3				3		7
Northern Flicker	8	2	3	4	1	4		2	4	1		1		30
"Red-shafted" race	(8)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(4)		(2)						(24)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1							5				1		7
Western Wood-Pewee	4	2	2	9	6	3	10	112			2	4	7	161
Least Flycatcher								1						1
Hammond's Flycatcher								1						1
Gray Flycatcher								1						1

August 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

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	5 BAR	6 ROC	12 ROX	13 GOL	19 LQN	20 PRO	26 PAR	27 NOR	1 GUA	8 VAI	15 PIN	22 FLY	29 LAI	
Dusky Flycatcher								2						2
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1	5						1					2	9
Buff-breasted Flycatcher														0
empidonax sp.		1			1	1		7						10
Ash-throated Flycatcher				5										5
Great Crested Flycatcher								1						1
Western Kingbird	4		8		1	4	2	26						45
Eastern Kingbird	2				1			6						9
Loggerhead Shrike								4						4
Plumbeous Vireo	1							2						3
Cassin's Vireo								17						17
Warbling Vireo	1							37						38
Philadelphia Vireo								1						1
Red-eyed Vireo								8						8
Gray Jay										4		1		5
Steller's Jay		2		13					4		2	4	4	29
Blue Jay					1	3		8						12
Western Scrub-Jay			11	8									2	21
Clark's Nutcracker		2												2
Black-billed Magpie		3		14					1			2		20
American Crow		2	6	36		4	4			4	1	3	4	64
Common Raven		1		5										6
Horned Lark								63						63
Tree Swallow				2			30							32
Violet-green Swallow	3	25	2								1			31
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	12				1		2							15
Bank Swallow				4			100	1						105
Cliff Swallow		4	2					2	50					58
Barn Swallow	6	14			42	8		34			25			129
swallow sp.													2	2
Black-capped Chickadee		4	5	8		7		1	4		1		16	46
Mountain Chickadee		15		7					2	5	1	7	3	40
Juniper Titmouse				1										1
Bushtit				16										16
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3		10								1	1	15
White-breasted Nuthatch		3	1			1			2			4		11
Pygmy Nuthatch		4		4								22		30
Brown Creeper		2												2
Rock Wren			1	2									1	4
Canyon Wren			3											3
House Wren	1	7	2	10	1			25		1			1	48
Marsh Wren								1						1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			5	1				33					1	40
Mountain Bluebird		15		22					3			2		42
Townsend's Solitaire				1					1		1			3
American Robin	3	4	1	4		2	4	7	1	1	5		5	37

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	5 BAR	6 ROC	12 ROX	13 GOL	19 LON	20 PRO	26 PAR	27 NOR	1 GUA	8 VAI	15 PIN	22 FLY	29 LAI	
Gray Catbird			1	3				2			4			10
Brown Thrasher								1						1
European Starling	4				4	50		185						243
Cedar Waxwing								4			5		3	12
Tennessee Warbler								1						1
Orange-crowned Warbler								11						11
Nashville Warbler								1						1
Yellow Warbler	6			4	2	3	4	453		1	3		2	478
Chestnut-sided Warbler				1										1
Yellow-rumped Warbler		2									1			3
"Audubon's" race		2												(2)
Townsend's Warbler								51						51
Pine Warbler								1						1
Black-and-white Warbler								1						1
American Redstart								2						2
MacGillivray's Warbler				1				9						10
Common Yellowthroat								5						5
Wilson's Warbler		3				1		305		1				310
Canada Warbler								1						1
Yellow-breasted Chat								3						3
Western Tanager				1							1		5	7
Green-tailed Towhee		4									2			6
Spotted Towhee			7	4				2					7	20
Chipping Sparrow		15	12	4			15	15		1	6	1		69
Brewer's Sparrow			2					4						6
spizella sp.								40						40
Vesper Sparrow		2												2
Lark Sparrow								9						9
Savannah Sparrow		4												4
Fox Sparrow														0
Song Sparrow	2	3				4		4			2	1	2	18
Lincoln's Sparrow		2						1						3
White-crowned Sparrow										8				8
Dark-eyed Junco		10		3					1	2				16
"Gray-headed" race		(10)		3						2				(15)
Black-headed Grosbeak								2						2
Lazuli Bunting				2				1			1			4
Red-winged Blackbird	18	4			200			400	2					624
Western Meadowlark								12						12
Yellow-headed Blackbird					100			4						104
Brewer's Blackbird								26						26
Common Grackle						2								2
Brown-headed Cowbird								30						30
Orchard Oriole								1						1
Bullock's Oriole	5		1					1						7
House Finch			1	25	4	20	12						4	66
Red Crossbill										4		2		6
Pine Siskin		5		20						4	15		2	46
Lesser Goldfinch			4	35			5				9		33	86
"Green-backed" race							5							(5)
"Black-backed" race											9		33	(42)
American Goldfinch	5			2	2	16	35	2			3		1	66
House Sparrow	2						20	12						34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	526	202	112	344	2220	293	325	15275	82	44	122	71	129	19,745
TOTAL SPECIES	41	41	29	45	45	37	25	125	15	16	26	19	29	177

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,
 c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to,
 x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

August Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Cormorant, dble-crested	8/5	24 flocks (est.900)	Lower Latham	Weld	Bob Spencer. All headed South within 20 min.
Goose, cackling	8/25	2	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Rail, black	8/19	1	Ponds in Bent County	Bent	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer. Heard and seen! Came to Andrew's CD playback.
Turnstone, ruddy	8/25	1-basic	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Dowitcher, short-billed	8/26	1-juv.	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Paul Differding, Mary Stallings
Phalarope, red-necked	8/26	1-basic plumage	Walden Pond	Boulder	Bob Spencer.
Gull, Sabine's	8/26	1 adult-very faint yellow in tip of bill	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Paul Differding, Mary Stallings
Tern, black	8/26	30	Marina Spit	Douglas	Bob Spencer
Vireo, Bell's	8/25	1	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Vireo, Cassin's	8/25	2	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Warbler, chestnut-sided	8/25	1-basic plumage	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Warbler, Townsend's	8/25	10	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Warbler, Townsend's	8/25	9	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Warbler, black 'n white	8/25	6-f, 1 buffy, 1st fall	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Redstart, American	8/25	1-f	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Redstart, American	8/25	2-1m, 1f	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Ovenbird	8/25	2	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Waterthrush, Northern	8/25	2	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Waterthrush, Northern	8/25	1	Jackson Reservoir, N	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf
Warbler, Canada	8/25	1-f	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Allison Hilf

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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Please indicate whether this is a **New Membership** or a **Renewal**

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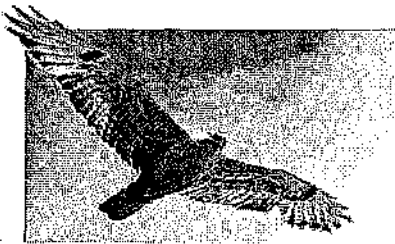
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Raptors - A Barometer of Environmental Health



Wednesday October 4, 2006 7.30pm

Raptor Education Foundation docent, Kevin Dorwin, will show a live raptor and discuss how eagles, hawks, and owls are barometers of environmental health. The birds in the Foundation's care are permanently impaired, cannot be released back into the wild, and have found a new home as educators and nature's ambassadors. You may already have met Kevin, because he is also a volunteer naturalist at Roxborough State Park and works on Denver Audubon's Blue Bird project.

Please note that the meeting will be held in the Ricketson Auditorium.



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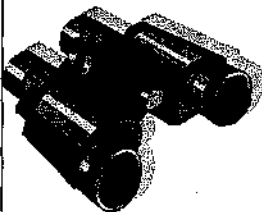
Feature Meeting November 1, 2006

Tony Leukering: The Second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas

Tony Leukering has been with Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory since 1994 after working on a wide variety of field projects since 1982. Previously he worked counting raptors and seabirds and banding birds for both the Whitefish Point and Cape May Bird Observatories and worked on a variety of projects, including work in Michigan on Kirtland's Warbler for the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Tony has extensive experience and interest in bird identification, banding and migration.

As Special Projects Coordinator Tony heads up the Second Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas for the Colorado Bird Atlas Partnership. He will explain how the atlas will be updated and how all of you can help. He is also seeking funding to support writing a new book on the bird life of Colorado.

November 1, 2006 meeting will be held in Ricketson Auditorium of Denver Museum of Nature & Science at 7:30pm. Park on the north side of the building and enter through the west door between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. *Please note: Security rules at the Museum require us to lock the west door once the meeting has started. If you arrive late, enter through the north door security entrance.*



November 2006 Field Trips

Saturday, November 4

Longmont Area

Leader: Chris Owens, 303-772-6048. Meet leader at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center – From I-25 take exit 240. Go west 4 miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Road, then 2 miles north to park on left at E. 17th Ave. Bring lunch and water for a half to three quarter day trip depending on weather and birds. State Parks Pass may be needed.

Saturday, November 4

Cherry Creek State Park

Leaders: Bob and Lea Ann Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Marina inside the west entrance to the park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High school to west entrance. This will be a half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks pass required.

Sunday, November 5

Scoter Trip

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. This is an all day trip driving to various mountain lakes to look for scoters, loons, and other migrants, so bring lunch. Trip will probably include stops at Dillon Reservoir, Turquoise Lake, Spinney Mountain Reservoir, Twin Lakes and Eleven-Mile Reservoir. Call leader to register and arrange a meeting place.

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November Field Trips

Saturday, November 11***Pueblo***

Leaders: Ira and Tammy Saunders, 303-278-7172. Meet leaders at 0630 at the Safeway on Lincoln just West of I-25. Bring lunch, extra drinking water and come prepared for extremes of weather. State Parks pass needed.

Sunday, November 12***Castlewood Canyon State Park and Kingerys' bird feeders***

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet leaders at 0800 on the side of the road at Colo. 86 & Castlewood Canyon Road (Douglas Co. road 51); just west of Cherry Creek; DO NOT go to Park headquarters, 5 miles south of Franktown on Colo. 83. DO NOT go into the park on Castlewood Canyon Road. The intersection is: (a) 1/2 mile west of traffic light in Franktown; and (b) 10 miles east of I-25, Exit 184

For (a): Take Parker Road/Colo. 83 to Franktown (about 10 miles south of Parker); right at traffic light. Left on Castlewood Canyon Road (just after you cross Cherry Creek).

For (b): Turn left at Exit 184 on Founders Parkway (now Colo. 86) and go 4 miles to traffic light. Left 4.5 miles to Castlewood Canyon Road; right on Castlewood Canyon Road. The Park portion will involve a two mile walk or so, depending on the birds and the group. We may hike instead a Douglas County Open Space unit along Russelville Creek. Bring lunch and your state parks pass. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Saturday, November 18***Audubon Center at Chatfield***

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at the Discovery Pavilion at 0800. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. and turn left. Take Waterton Rd. 1/2 block to the entrance which is well marked with a large sign. Will meet at the stone house. Come and explore the river looking for dippers and the wetlands looking for ducks. Will hike about 2 1/2 miles on level trails and a gravel road. Bring your lunch to enjoy before the trip ends shortly after lunch.

Sunday, November 19***Barr Lake State Park***

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. This will be an easy hike. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, and then turn south for approximately 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Friday, November 24***Platte River Greenway***

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 8:30 at E. 88th and the South Platte River - From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit, go west on 88th for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. Explore along the river on the bike path which is paved and level. Bring lunch and drinking water.

Saturday, November 25***Belmar Historic Park***

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0900 at 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave, and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Inrgate parking lot and to lake. This will be a half day trip ending at 1200.

Sunday, November 26***Chatfield State Park***

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet leader at 0800 at the Swim Beach parking lot inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. This may be a three quarter day trip depending on birds and weather, so bring lunch and water.

Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook

Please Note: Due to the large Fall Count and September Reports, we can't fit in last month's Additional Reports. It will be in the December issue, and on the web site. If you are having trouble receiving the electronic Lark Bunting, be sure to (a) check your junk mail folder, and/or (b) set your junk mail preferences to allow mail from editor veronicaholt@comcast.net - the subject line will always include the words Lark Bunting.

September 2006 Fall Count Summaries

September 7, Thursday *Lower Bear Creek and Marston Lake (LOW)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer. **Observers:** Sandy Arnesen, Diane Canter, John Drummond, Beverly DuGay, Lynne Forrester, Tina Jones, Peter Mulholland, Peggy Roberts, Elaine Salmento, Karleen Schofield, Joyce Takamine, Mary Ann Tavery. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, suburban yards, meadows, etc, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Hazy, cloudy, overcast, 65-75°F. **Totals:** 64 species, 1445 individuals.

September 9, Saturday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): Bob Brown. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Nancy & Ted Pinkert, Joyce Schmidt. **Time:** 0700-1400. **Distance:** 13.5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open water and mixed riparian, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Foggy early, cloudy to partly cloudy, some light rain late, clearing, wind calm early, associated with rain, southwest to 10mph, 60-75°F. **Totals:** 58 species, 647 individuals.

September 9, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** John Drummond, Jill Holden, Ed Holub, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lenz, Dick Pratt, Craig Provost, Dale Provost, Joe Roller, Mary Ellen Sargent, Bob Shade, Andrew Spencer, Steve Stachowiak, Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0630-1910. **Distance:** 34 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Weather:** Early overcast, partly cloudy, late afternoon thunder shower, 54-75°F, calm. **Totals:** 108 species, 1449 individuals.

September 9, Saturday *Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0700-1300. **Distance:** 77 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, suburban, elevation 5230'. **Weather:** Cloudy, foggy rainy clearing around noon, 43-60°F, west wind, 3-5 mph. **Totals:** 46 species, 2746 individuals.

September 9, Saturday

Waterton (WAT)

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Mary Driscoll, Bev DuGay, Urling Kingery. **Time:** 0600-1530. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, grassland. **Weather:** Cloudy, rain during lunch, 53-66°F. **Totals:** 76 species, 910 individuals.

September 10, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CAS)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Bev DuGay, Craig Provost, Dale Provost, Barbara Masoner. **Time:** 0630-1700. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grassland, gambels oak, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, elevation 6300'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 45-75°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 53 species, 671 individuals.

September 10, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Norman Ethal. **Observers:** Dick Schottler, Bob Righter, Warren Finch, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0700-1600. **Distance:** 5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast, clearing at noon, 45-79°F, north wind 15 mph. **Totals:** 63 species, 2812 individuals.

September 10, Sunday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Bill Eden, Barb Isaac, Hugh Kingery, Connie Takamine, Joyce Takamine, Karen von Saltza. **Time:** 0600-1600. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, grassland. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 55-65°F. **Totals:** 87 species, 1790 individuals.

September 2006 Field Trip Summaries

September 2-3, Saturday/Sunday *Steamboat Springs/Hayden/Walden (STE)* Trip report not available at time of printing.

September 16, Saturday

Rigli Ranch (RIG)

Leader(s): Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Allen Haygood. **Time:** 0900-1500. **Distance:** 19 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian woodlands, sandhill sagebrush, shortgrass, fields, elevation 4339'. **Weather:** Cool, sunny, clear morning, sunny cloudy afternoon, 54-68°F, northwest wind, 0-30 mph. **Totals:** 36 species, 160 individuals.

September 17, Sunday

Walden Ponds - Boulder (WAL)

Leader(s): Paul Slingsby. **Observers:** Allen Haygood, Charlie Kahr (from SW Utah), Todd Deininger. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Marsh, gravel pits, willow, deciduous forest, elevation 5130'. **Weather:** Clear, 40-65°F, west wind 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 40 species, 312 individuals.

September 23, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR (ROC)

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Gary Ackert, Linda Ackert, Tyler Ackert, Neil Montague, Bob Shade, Mary Stallings, Richard Stevens. **Time:** 0700-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, lakes, woodland, elevation 5250'. **Weather:** Cloudy, light rain, 44-54°F, northeast wind. **Totals:** 69 species, 1023 individuals.

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September 2006 Fall Count Summary Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TOTAL
	7 LOW	9 CHE	9 CHA	9 BLP	9 WAT	10 CAS	10 BAR	10 ROC					
Pied-billed Grebe	5	1	1		1			10					18
Eared Grebe	1							2					3
Western Grebe			10				1						11
American White Pelican		5	25	25			15						70
Double-crested Cormorant	8	11	94	15	9		6	139					282
Great Blue Heron	4	21	19	11	2		13	13					83
Snowy Egret		29	1	4				11					45
Green Heron		1											1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		5	3		1								9
Turkey Vulture	5		7		1	48		1					62
Canada Goose	115	39	48	40	6		250	132					830
Wood Duck	1		1					6					8
Gadwall	23	4	3	5	3		4	47					89
American Wigeon	3		6					53					62
Mallard	80	39	14	35	7	4	200	29					408
Blue-winged Teal	1	17	2	20	16			8					64
Cinnamon Teal													0
teal sp.	10		3				20	11					44
Northern Shoveler	3		5	6	3		1000	7					1024
Northern Pintail			2				24	5					31
Green-winged Teal		30	32	4	4		500	237					807
Redhead	43							29					72
Bufflehead	1							3					4
Hooded Merganser			3		3								6
Common Merganser	6		87		2			2					97
Ruddy Duck	20						32	1					53
Osprey			1										1
Bald Eagle							2						2
Northern Harrier		1		1				1					3
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	2	1								4
Cooper's Hawk			1		1	1							3
accipiter sp.			3										3
Swainson's Hawk	2	4	1	16			4						27
Red-tailed Hawk	3	2	11	6	4	4		9					39
Ferruginous Hawk								2					2
Rough-legged Hawk													0
buteo sp.								1					1
American Kestrel	6	3	3	24	3	4		7					50
Merlin			1										1
Peregrine Falcon								1					1
Prairie Falcon			1		1		1	1					4
Virginia Rail		1	3		1		1	2					8
Sora		6	5		1			2					14
American Coot	74	34	8					59					175
Killdeer	25	18	8	23	2		1	6					83
American Avocet		3					13						16
Greater Yellowlegs				6			5	2					13
Lesser Yellowlegs			1				2	1					4
Solitary Sandpiper		3											3
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1	6		3								11
Sanderling		7	1										8
Semipalmated Sandpiper		3	1	50									54
Western Sandpiper				10									10
Least Sandpiper		1	2				10						13
Baird's Sandpiper		3	33				250	1					287
Pectoral Sandpiper							2						2
Peep sp								4					4

September 2006 Fall Count Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TOTAL
	7 LOW	9 CHE	9 CHA	9 BLP	9 WAT	10 CAS	10 BAR	10 ROC					
Short-billed Dowitcher							3						3
Long-billed Dowitcher													0
Wilson's Snipe		2											2
Wilson's Phalarope			1				15						16
Red-necked Phalarope							2						2
Franklin's Gull							100						100
Ring-billed Gull	80	85	45	35			36	9					290
California Gull	10	24	25				1						60
Sabine's Gull			1										1
Ivory Gull													0
Forster's Tern				1									1
Black Tern			3										3
Rock Pigeon	58		2	225	27	23	8	22					365
Mourning Dove	33	6	13	210	19		55	71					407
Great Horned Owl					1	2	1	1					5
Burrowing Owl				2									2
Short-eared Owl								1					1
Common Nighthawk				4				1					5
Common Poorwill						1							1
Black-chinned Hummingbird	3		1										4
Calliope Hummingbird	2		1										3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2		3		6	4							15
Rufous Hummingbird	4												4
hummingbird sp.			4										4
Belted Kingfisher	7	2	6		10	1							26
Red-naped Sapsucker			1										1
Downy Woodpecker	13	2	9	1	6	6	8	6					51
Hairy Woodpecker						1							1
Northern Flicker	66	6	12	3	38	12	16	28					181
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1					1
Western Wood-Pewee	7	5	8		40	5	3	4					72
Least Flycatcher	1												1
Hammond's Flycatcher			1				1						2
Dusky Flycatcher								2					2
Cordilleran Flycatcher						1							1
Buff-breasted Flycatcher													0
empidonax sp.			1		3			2					6
Say's Phoebe	1		3		3	6		4					17
Cassin's Kingbird			19			2		4					25
Western Kingbird	7	4	77	20	16	7	2	61					194
Eastern Kingbird		1	3					3					7
Loggerhead Shrike			1										1
Plumbeous Vireo					1			1					2
Cassin's Vireo			1				1						2
Warbling Vireo			2		3								5
Red-eyed Vireo			1		1								2
Steller's Jay						23							23
Blue Jay	20	3	1	1			1	18					44
Western Scrub-Jay						8							8
Black-billed Magpie	50	21	45	6	6	48	1	11					188
American Crow	15	1	5	3	54	5		10					93
Common Raven			5		1	1							7
Horned Lark			3	25				21					49
Tree Swallow					38			10					48
Violet-green Swallow			200										200
Barn Swallow	11	90	23	160	28		50	76					438

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TOTAL
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swallow sp.	50								50
Black-capped Chickadee	63	14	20		68	15	6	23	209
Mountain Chickadee						5			5
Red-breasted Nuthatch						4			4
White-breasted Nuthatch	3		2		7	12			24
Pygmy Nuthatch						10			10
Brown Creeper			2						2
Rock Wren	10	1	3		2	1		5	22
Canyon Wren						2			2
House Wren	6		9		14	2	9	7	47
Marsh Wren				2					2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1				1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			12		2	5	2	4	25
Western Bluebird						22			22
Mountain Bluebird					4	65			69
Swainson's Thrush					1			1	2
Hermit Thrush	1					1	1		3
American Robin	79	1	115	5	20	37	6	24	287
Gray Catbird		2	11		14		1		28
Sage Thrasher			1	1				1	3
European Starling	60	8	12	735	103	18	25	56	1017
American Pipit	2								2
Cedar Waxwing						2			2
Blue-winged Warbler					1				1
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1	2		1		5	4	15
Nashville Warbler								1	1
Virginia's Warbler			1						1
Yellow Warbler			4						4
Magnolia Warbler							1		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race		5	7				7	2	21 (0)
Townsend's Warbler		5					2	4	11
MacGillivray's Warbler			4	1	1	1	1		8
Common Yellowthroat	1		1				7	4	13
Wilson's Warbler	5	3	16		11	7	28	62	132
Yellow-breasted Chat			2		2				4
Western Tanager	5		14		5	1		4	29
Green-tailed Towhee			1		1	2		3	7
Spotted Towhee	5		7		12	44			68
Chipping Sparrow	1	16	36		66	42	6	76	243
Clay-colored Sparrow			9		1	1	2	4	17
Brewer's Sparrow		1	11		1			4	17
Vesper Sparrow			4	45	31	85		75	240
Lark Sparrow		11	20		12	3			46
Lark Bunting			6	2	9				17
Savannah Sparrow			1				1		2
Fox Sparrow									0
Song Sparrow	6		6	3	24	2		6	47
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		2		1				4
White-crowned Sparrow				3				3	6
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race						2 2			2 (2)
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		3						5

September 2006 Field Fall Count Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS												TOTAL
	7 LOW	9 CHE	9 CHA	9 BLP	9 WAT	10 CAS	10 BAR	10 ROC					
Blue Grosbeak					2		4						6
Lazuli Bunting			1										1
Red-winged Blackbird	4	1	2	495	14		1	139					656
Western Meadowlark		2	5	65	7	3	4	31					117
Yellow-headed Blackbird			30		2		1	3					36
Brewer's Blackbird			19		14								33
Common Grackle	16							4					20
Bullock's Oriole			1										1
House Finch	190	10	44	115	38	7		14					418
Lesser Goldfinch	25		13		35	38		2					113
"Green-backed" race	6												(6)
"Black-backed" race	16												(16)
American Goldfinch	46	14	7		7	15	30	12					131
House Sparrow	32	8		275			2						317
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1445	647	1449	2746	910	671	2812	1790	0	0	0	0	12,470
TOTAL SPECIES	64	58	108	46	76	53	63	87	0	0	0	0	163
OBSERVATION LEGEND:	a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated												

September Field Trip Summaries, continued from page 3

September 23, Saturday *Lookout Mountain Area (LOO)* Trip cancelled.

September 30, Saturday *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Norma Jean Brandell, Gene Ellis, Jim Fischer, Allen Hagood, Chuck Lowrie, Nina Routh, Buzz Schaumburg, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, grassland, elevation 5550'. **Weather:** Clear, warm, 55-80°F, south wind, 5mph. **Totals:** 53 species, 1054 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

September 5 *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, open grassy areas, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 65-74°F, northeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 586 individuals.

September 12 *Mt Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park (MTF)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, ponderosa pine, juniper and open meadows, elevation 7750-7859'. **Weather:** Sunny, 50-67°F, southeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 167 individuals.

September 19 *Barr Lake State Park and Bird Banding Station (BAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Meredith with Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory doing the banding. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 65-73°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 662 individuals.

September 26 *Los Lagos (LOS)*

Leader(s): Betsy Owens and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 35. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 4.5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, ponderosa and lodgepole pine, elevation 8600'. **Weather:** Sunny, 50-60°F, north wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 15 species, 51 individuals.

September 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS						TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	2-3	16	17	23	23	30	5	12	19	26	
	STE	RIG	WAL	ROC	LOO	CHE	CHA	MTF	BAR	LOS	
Pied-billed Grebe			3	5		2					10
Horned Grebe				1							1
Eared Grebe						20					20
Western Grebe						25			20		45
American White Pelican				17			8		4		29
Double-crested Cormorant			6	15		20	15				56
Great Blue Heron			4	18		10	11		6		49
Great Egret			4			2					6
Snowy Egret			4	6		2					12
Green Heron			2								2
Black-crowned Night-Heron				1							1
Turkey Vulture			2				1				3
Canada Goose			42	20		70	90		400		622
Wood Duck				10							10
Gadwall				94		14					108
American Wigeon			44	142		2					188
Mallard			25	33		60	50			8	176
Blue-winged Teal				6		10					16
Northern Shoveler			8	6							14
Northern Pintail				3							3
Green-winged Teal			12	5		10					27
Canvasback						2					2
Redhead				12							12
Ring-necked Duck				10		6					16
Lesser Scaup			1								1
Bufflehead				1							1
Hooded Merganser				2		4					6
Common Merganser						2					2
Ruddy Duck				12		5					17
Osprey				1							1
Bald Eagle			1						1		2
Northern Harrier		1		2		1			2		6
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2		1	1				4
Cooper's Hawk			1					1	1		3
Red-tailed Hawk		2		5		6	2	2	3		20
western races		2									(2)
Ferruginous Hawk		1		1							2
Rough-legged Hawk											0
American Kestrel		1		8		3	1		2		15
Peregrine Falcon				1							1
Prairie Falcon		1		2							3
Ring-necked Pheasant									1		1
Virginia Rail						5					5
American Coot			3	50		256			2		311
Killdeer			22	36		20					78
Greater Yellowlegs			5								5
Lesser Yellowlegs			8								8
Semipalmated Sandpiper									5		5
Western Sandpiper						2					2
Least Sandpiper			2								2
Long-billed Dowitcher											0
Wilson's Snipe			2							1	3

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Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Denver Field Ornithologists

2007 Membership Application

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With the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, DFO sponsors this list of sightings of rare or unusual birds, located on the [Colorado Field Ornithologists Web Site](#)

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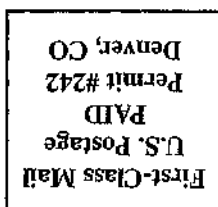
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Don't miss the chance to hear Tony Leukering at the November 1 DFO meeting. A Special Project Director for the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, Leukering is one of Colorado's primo birders.

His latest project is taking on the huge task of editing second edition of the Colorado Breeding Birds Atlas. On the left is the RMBO's headquarters - the Old Stone House at Barr Lake.



Denver Field Ornithologists

THE LARK BUNTING

December 2006

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DFO to Change Meeting Day and Week of the Month Beginning in April 2007

Please mark your calendars! Beginning in April of 2007, the Denver Field Ornithologists' (DFO) monthly meeting will no longer occur on the first Wednesday of the month, but will migrate to the fourth Monday. Meetings will still begin at 7:30 p.m. and will take place in the classy confines of Ricketson Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Why? In September the Museum informed DFO that beginning in 2007 there would be occasions when a paid museum function requiring the use of Ricketson and the lobby area outside would cause the displacement of DFO. Given this, the Museum offered two options for us to consider. First, when our meeting was to be "bumped" the Museum would be committed to providing an alternate meeting site such as Gates Planetarium. Second, DFO could change the meeting night to the fourth Monday of the month and have only a very small chance of ever being "bumped" from Ricketson Auditorium.

The Egyptologists, Paleontologists, and Archaeologists have already moved their meetings to Monday nights. The Museum is committed to a strong, ongoing working relationship with DFO including providing meeting space, a staff member to take care of west door security issues, and providing A/V personnel on meeting nights.

These options were presented to the members at the October meeting and a survey of those present was conducted with a large majority indicating no strong preference for either Monday or Wednesday. Then the DFO Board weighed in and after much discussion decided on the fourth Monday option. The primary reasons for this decision are the excellent quality of Ricketson as a meeting venue, and the consistent availability on Mondays. This means that in the future DFO will have monthly meetings from August to April (except December) which actually is the eight month schedule we have had in the past except meetings will now be shifted forward by about one week each month.

Upcoming Meetings in Ricketson Auditorium

December 2006, No Meeting

January 3, 2007, 1st Wednesday

February 7, 2007, 1st Wednesday

March 7, 2007, 1st Wednesday

THE CHANGE ! -- April 23, 2007, 4th Monday

May, June, July, 2007, No Meeting

August 27, 2007, 4th Monday

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, 2007

53rd Annual Christmas Bird Count

Saturday December 16, 2006



Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035, birdscho@uswest.net)
 Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-794-2647)
 Compilation meeting: 5:00pm at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, **there are still several areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out.** If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible. After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at their Wild Birds Unlimited store to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is a lot of fun.

Fees: National Audubon requires that each observer over the age of 18 pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in Christmas Bird Counts. Participants should pay the fee to their Area Leader. Checks should be made payable to *National Audubon Society*, not to DFO.

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leaders are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meeting times and places on Count Day, Saturday, December 16.

<u>Area Number and Location</u>	<u>Area Leader</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bob Brown	303-791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	(leader needed)	
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins	303-969-8909
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Karl Stecher	303-779-8887
4A. Lower South Platte - East	Ed Holub	303-979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte - West	Bob Shade	303-975-2476
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte - West	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7B. Middle South Platte - East	Hugh Kingery	303-814-2723
8. Chatfield State Park	Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
9. Upper South Platte*	Jill Holden	303-972-6410
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	(leader needed)	
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	Tim Davis	303-426-4267
14. North Turkey Creek	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
15. Indian Hills	Sherman Wing	303-697-8840
16. Upper Bear Creek	Gene Rutherford	303-337-2598
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	(leader needed)	
18. Garrison Gate	(leader needed)	
19. Morrison/Willowbrook	Jackie King	303-287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Dennis Wojcicki	303-978-0517
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661

* to participate in this area, you must contact the area leader no later than Tuesday, December 12.

October 2006 Field Trip Summaries

October 1, Sunday

Fountain Creek Regional Park, Colorado Springs Area (FOU)

Leader(s): Sue Schulman. **Observers:** Jean & John Alden, John Scott Alden, Mary Burger, Gale Daniel, Allen Hagood, Mary Ellen Sargent, Polleke Siraa. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1.5 m on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, scrub oak, elevation 6000-7100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 60-85°F. **Totals:** 46 species, 546 individuals.

October 7, Saturday

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)

Leader(s): Paula Hansley. **Observers:** Tony Rautus, Nina Routh, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Aspen, ponderosa, spruce/fir, riparian (willows), meadows, elevation 7800-9000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, full moon, gorgeous sunrise, 43-60°F, west wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 23 species, 209 individuals

October 8, Sunday

Chatfield State Park (CHA)

Leader(s): Ed Holub **Observers:** Mary Jane Biedenbach, Jacques Chartier, Warren Finch, Fred Hager, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0730-1445. **Distance:** 19 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river riparian, delta, plains, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Cool, overcast, misty, 53-56°F, nw wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 34 species, 1013 individuals

October 14, Saturday

Sand Creek Park (SAN)

Leader(s): Mary Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** Mary Jane Black, Mary Burger, Sue Carson, Richard and Yvette Claeys, Jean Davis, Jeff Dawson, Todd Deininger, Mike Foster, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Candice and Jim Johnson, Ellie Jones, Nelda Jones, Mary Ann Tavery. **Time:** 0830-1100. **Distance:** mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lowland riparian, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40-62°F, west wind, 2 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 178 individuals.

October 15, Sunday

South Platte Park (SOU)

Leader(s): Nina Routh. **Observers:** Polleke Siraa, Allen Hagood, Toni Rautus, Mike Foster, Terry Gurth, Marilyn Fowler, Alison Kondler, Christy Honnen. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakeside, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to clear, 47-67°F. **Totals:** 39 species, 590 individuals.

October 21, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR (ROC)

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Bryan Arnold, Kristen Arnold, Neal Montigue, Patty O'Neal, Mary Stallings, Richard Stevens. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 18 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, riparian, lakes, woodlands, elevation 5250'. **Weather:** Cloudy to sunny, 30-40°F, north wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 46 species, 635 individuals.

October 22, Sunday

Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** Ron Carter, Mary Jean black, Jacques Chartier, Jeff Dawson, Robert Hill, Charles Kolbe, Mary Ellen Sargent. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Aquatic, riparian, grasslands, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 30-40°F. **Totals:** 44 species, 516 individuals.

October 28, Saturday

Longmont Circle of Lakes (LON)

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Keith Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Allen Hagood, Chuck Lowrie, Chris Owen, Polleke Siraa, Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0830-1600. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Sunny, 40-55°F. **Totals:** 54 species, 6213 individuals.

October 29, Sunday

Parker Regional Park (PAR)

Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Jacques Chartier, Jean Davis, Veronica Holt, Ellie Jones. **Time:** 0830-1100. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake habitat, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, snow covered ground, 50-60°F, calm. **Totals:** 13 species, 74 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

October 3

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, willow, meadows, aspen, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, elevation 8100'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 57-66°F, west wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 18 species, 107 individuals.

October 10

Cancelled due to inclement weather

October 2006 Field Trip Summaries, continued

October 17 *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 19. **Time:** 0900-1000. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, .4 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Heavy clouds with light drizzle, 41-38°F, north-northeast wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 970 individuals.

October 24 *Audubon Center at Chatfield State Park (AUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 44. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood groves, open meadows, ponds, elevation 5510'. **Weather:** Overcast, 47-57°F, north wind, 0-8 mph. **Totals:** 17 species, 52 individuals.

October 31 *Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly sunny, 27-37°F, south wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 32 species, 1379 individuals.



Urban Denver Christmas Count

January 1, 2007

Platte River from North City limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. Start the New Year with a half day or whole day effort--a good way to start your 2007 Year List!

5:00 p.m. After the count, **Pot Luck**, tentatively at Casey Davenhill's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda); please call Casey (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's brownies, and Casey's hospitality. (Please check with your area leader or Urling Kingery to confirm pot luck location.) Count Leader, Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Area Location	Leader's Phone	Leader
South Platte (south) to Confluence Park	303-798-8072	Doris Cruze
South Platte (north) From Riverside Cemetery north	303-278-8035	Dick Schottler
Rocky Mtn. Arsenal	303-814-2723	Urling Kingery
Commerce City/Montbello	303-287-1644	Jackie King
Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek,	303-680-3381	Randy Lentz
Bluff Lake, & Aurora,	303-699-1721	Buzz Schaumberg
Cherry Creek Res.	720-560-3671	Glenn Walbek gwalbek@comcast.net >
Kent School, S/Hampden	303-757-7000	Lynn Willcockson
SE Denver, N/Hampden	303-771-8331	Walt Hackney mailto:grrfal@aol.com >
Cherry Creek, dam to University Blvd.	303-422-3728	Paul Slingsby (tentative) paslingsby@comcast.net
Fairmont, Lowry Field	303-979-6211	Tuesday Birders
City Park/Park Hill	720-482-8454	Kevin Corwin
Botanic Gardens, Denver Country Club, Wash. Park	303-744-0613	Casey Davenhill

October 2006 Field Trip Summary Table

DATE	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	17	24	31	TOTAL
LOCATION	FOU	GOL	CHA	SAN	SOU	ROC	CHE	LON	PAR	GOL	CHE	AUD	CHE	
Common Loon					2		5	1					3	11
Pied-billed Grebe	4			4	9	2	10	10			4		3	46
Horned Grebe						1	10	2					5	18
Eared Grebe						3	40	60			65		125	293
Western Grebe	1		15		9	2	15	1950			300		500	2792
Clark's Grebe	1													1
American White Pelican			40			7	40	60			100		119	366
Double-crested Cormorant			200		3		60	17			100		97	477
Great Blue Heron	6		2		2	2	6	1				3	1	23
Little Blue Heron	1													1
Black-crowned Night-Heron			3	1										4
White-faced Ibis	1													1
Turkey Vulture								3						3
Snow Goose													150	150
Canada Goose	55		300	3	22	10		100	22		30		220	762
Wood Duck	6			1										7
Gadwall	56		50		20	31	10	15						182
American Wigeon	6			6	40	26	10	110					2	200
Mallard	21		7	5	43	8	10	20			70		24	208
Blue-winged Teal	3						1							4
Northern Shoveler			1		6	20	10	8			50		50	145
Northern Pintail					10	24	6						5	45
Green-winged Teal	2					28	20	5					1	56
Canvasback					1	1		2						4
Redhead					15	1	20	120	2					158
Ring-necked Duck					32	20		300						352
Lesser Scaup						10								10
Bufflehead					2	19		20	25				5	71
Common Goldeneye								1					1	2
Hooded Merganser								4						4
Common Merganser			120					75						195
Red-breasted Merganser							1							1
Ruddy Duck	20					20		40	2				5	87
Osprey			2											2
Bald Eagle								2						2
Northern Harrier	2						4	6					2	14
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1	1								3
Northern Goshawk													2	2
Red-tailed Hawk	4	1	4		3	6	4	8	1	2	1	4	2	40
western races							(4)							(4)
Rough-legged Hawk														0
American Kestrel				3	1	4	4	2			1		3	18
Wild Turkey								3						3

October 2006 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1 FOU	7 GOL	8 CHA	14 SAN	15 SOU	21 ROC	22 CHE	28 LON	29 PAR	3 GOL	17 CHE	24 AUD	31 CHE	
Virginia Rail					2							1		3
American Coot	102		35		170	102	40	200			150	1	10	810
Killdeer	4		2	5	1		10				3		7	32
American Avocet	2					8								10
Greater Yellowlegs			6											6
Least Sandpiper							2							2
Long-billed Dowitcher			4			8	8							20
Wilson's Snipe					1								1	2
Red-necked Phalarope														0
Red Phalarope			1											1
Franklin's Gull						1	2							3
Bonaparte's Gull								3						3
Ring-billed Gull	125		40		40	40	40	600	1		35	2	25	948
California Gull			3				20							23
Herring Gull							2	2						4
Lesser Black-backed Gull							1							1
Ivory Gull														0
Common Tern			2											2
Forster's Tern			6					2						8
Rock Pigeon	11			6	21	8		150						196
Eurasian Collared-dove	1							1						2
Mourning Dove	2			7	2	5					1			17
Great Horned Owl	1					4						1		6
Rufous Hummingbird														0
Belted Kingfisher	2		2	2	5	1	4	8			1	1	2	28
Downy Woodpecker			2		3	1						2	1	9
Hairy Woodpecker		4												4
Northern Flicker	6	5	18	12	6	21	6	4	5	2	4	4		93
"Yellow-shafted" race				1										(1)
"Red-shafted" race		(5)	(18)											(23)
Buff-breasted Flycatcher														0
Northern Shrike								2						2
Gray Jay										4				4
Steller's Jay		10								6				16
Blue Jay	2			2	2	2	4	2	2					16
Western Scrub-Jay	1													1
Clark's Nutcracker		2								4				6
Black-billed Magpie	1	2	25	7	5	6	10		5	4	10	3	2	80
American Crow	2		11	2	10		10	3	2	2	4	4		50
Common Raven	1	2												3
Horned Lark						8		10						18
Black-capped Chickadee	4	2	23	2	7	1	10	1	3	3		10	2	68
Mountain Chickadee		25								5				30
Red-breasted Nuthatch		10												10
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	5								2				8
Pygmy Nuthatch		31								3				34
Brown Creeper		3								1				4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	11								1				13
Mountain Bluebird	8	6	11							6				31

September 2006 Field Fall Count Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS									TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	17	24	31	
	FOU	GOL	CHA	SAN	SQU	ROC	CHE	LON	PAR	GOL	CHE	AUD	CHE	
Townsend's Solitaire		5				2								7
American Robin	3	18	15	3	2	6	15	4		2		3	1	72
European Starling	6		2	23	32	18	10	100			20			211
Orange-crowned Warbler			1											1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	13	4	20		8									45
"Myrtle" race		1			4									(5)
"Audubon's" race		2	20		4									(26)
Wilson's Warbler	4													4
Warbler sp				3										3
Spotted Towhee	1													1
American Tree Sparrow							1	1				1		3
Chipping Sparrow	3			2		2		2						9
spizella sp.									2					2
Vesper Sparrow	2													2
Fox Sparrow														0
Song Sparrow		5		5	4		6	3	1			2		26
White-crowned Sparrow		17	30		6	2	1	6		4		6		72
Dark-eyed Junco		33				14	6			6	1			60
"Oregon" race		(5)												(5)
"Gray-headed" race		(15)												(15)
Red-winged Blackbird	30			27	8	5		2100			20			2190
Western Meadowlark	12					28		10						50
Yellow-headed Blackbird								2						2
Common Grackle				38				30						68
House Finch	4		10	8	34	96	10	20	1			4	3	190
Red Crossbill		7												7
Pine Siskin										50				50
American Goldfinch	2						10							12
House Sparrow				1			2	2						5
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	546	209	1013	178	590	635	516	6213	74	107	970	52	1379	12,482
TOTAL SPECIES	46	23	34	25	39	46	44	54	13	18	21	17	32	107
OBSERVATION LEGEND: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare,unusual, + =also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated														

Additional Report Update from Polleke Siraa.

It has been a year since I took over the position of coordinator for the Additional Reports. At the time I did not know much what I was doing and at times I still don't know. However, it has been rewarding in many ways, especially with the support of several expert advisors, so I am afraid you all have to put up with me for a while longer. I have noticed that in the past year quite a number of newcomers have joined the organization and therefore it may be worthwhile to spend a few lines explaining what these additional reports are all about.

The Additional Reports list birds that are seen outside of the Field Trip listings. "A sighting may be appropriate for listing in the Additional Reports not only if it is an unusual bird to be seen in Colorado, but also if it is early, late, out of season, in large numbers or in an unexpected habitat or area".

In this way, as an example 4000 White Pelicans and 1000 Killdeer are appropriate for listings. I have been equipped with a variety of guidelines and books to determine the parameters of appropriateness, and anybody interested in wanting to know more about these can email or call me at 303.755.2522, psiraa@earthlink.net

September 2006 Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Brown Pelican	9/29	1 imm.	Jackson Reservoir	Jackson	Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Joey Kellner
Black-Hawk, Common	9/11;9/13; 9/19	1 ad.	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival; Bob Spencer, m.ob.; Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Ira Sanders
Broad-winged Hawk	9/17	1	private ranch	Cheyenne	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Broad-winged Hawk	9/17	1	Kinney Lakes SWA	Lincoln	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Merlin	9/17	1	Canon City	Fremont	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Loch Kilpatrick, Ira & Tammy Sanders
Falcon, peregrine	9/1	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal, Steve Larson, Joe Roller
Falcon, peregrine	9/11	1	Canon City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Mark Peterson, Norm Erthal, Ira Sanders, Glenn Walbek
Black Rail	9/17	1 calling	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
American Golden Plover	9/29	4 juv.	Jackson Reservoir	Jackson	Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Joey Kellner
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9/29	1 juv.	Jackson Reservoir	Jackson	Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Joey Kellner
Jaeger, Pomarine	9/24	1 juv.	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence
Jaeger, Pomarine	9/25-9/26	1	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gull, Sabine's	9/14-9/24	1 to 2 juv.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gull, Sabine's	9/16-9/18	up to 3 juv.	Big Johnson Res.	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Gull, Sabine's	9/21	4 (1 ad, 3 juv.)	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Kellner, Joey
Gull, Sabine's	9/22, 9/23	5 (1 ad, 4 juv.)	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek; Bob Brown
Gull, Sabine's	9/24	5 juv.!!	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence
Tern, Caspian	9/21	1	Cherry Creek Res.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Tern, Caspian	9/24	1 ad., alt. plum.	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence
Tern, Common	9/16	11	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tern, Arctic	9/22	1 ad	Lake Beckwith	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Dove, White-winged	9/17	1	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Sapsucker, Red-naped	9/24	1 ad. m	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence
Sapsucker, Red-naped	9/26	1 ad. m	Bonny reservoir	Yuma	Allen Hagood
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9/18	1 calling	Fountain Creek R. P.	El Paso	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Phoebe	9/01-9/25	up to 3	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Phoebe	9/5	2	E. of Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Phoebe	9/05-9/11	1	Canon City Mackenzie Ave. bridge	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Black Phoebe	9/11-9/17	1	Canon City	Pueblo	Joey Kellner, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	9/03-9/25	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	9/15	1	Florence River Park	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	9/24	2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	9/24-9/28	1 ad.	Road 1 & KK	Otero/Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Plumbeous Vireo	9/25	1	Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Blue-headed Vireo	9/17	1	private ranch	Cheyenne	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Blue-headed Vireo	9/20	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Philadelphia Vireo	9/12	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Philadelphia Vireo	9/15	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Red-eyed Vireo	9/01-9/04	up to 2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Red-eyed Vireo	9/2	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Red-eyed Vireo	9/15	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Purple Martin	9/4	2	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

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Swallow, Barn	9/23	1000	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery
Swallow, Barn	9/23	1000	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Hugh Kingery
Sedge Wren	9/17	1 singing	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Kinglet, golden-crowned	9/4	1	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Larson
Eastern Bluebird	9/17	10	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Warbler, Tennessee	9/3	1 fall ad. M	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Kellner, Joey
Warbler, Tennessee	9/3	1 ad. Fall	Littleton	Jefferson	Kellner, Joey
Warbler, Tennessee	9/4	2 1 fall ad.-1 1st fall	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Larson
Warbler, Nashville	9/3	1 imm.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Warbler, chestnut-sided	9/15	1-1st fall	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Ric Olson, Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner
Warbler, Magnolia	9/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Warbler, Black-throated gray	9/15	1 m	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Ric Olson, Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner
Warbler, Blackburnian	9/1	1 1st fall female	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal, Steve Larson, Joe Roller
Warbler, Blackburnian	9/20	1 1st fall	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Warbler, Pine	9/1	1 ad. m	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal, Steve Larson, Joe Roller
Warbler, Bay-breasted	9/17	1 1st fall female	private ranch	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Warbler, Blackpoll	9/4	1 imm.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Mark Chavez
Warbler, black-and-white	9/1	1 female type	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal, Steve Larson, Joe Roller
Warbler, Black'nWhite	9/2	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
American Redstart	9/1	1 f or imm.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
American Redstart	9/4	1 f	Rock Canyon Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	9/24-9/25	1 f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Ovenbird	9/1	1	Pawnee Grasslands	Weld	Joey Kellner, Glenn Walbek, Norm Erthal, Steve Larson, Joe Roller
Ovenbird	9/4	1	Last Chance Rest Area	Washington	Joey Kellner, Charlie Lawrence, Steve Larson
Scarlet Tanager	9/29	1 female type	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Ira Sanders, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, Joe Roller, Glenn Walbek, Joey Kellner
Sparrow, Field	9/17	1	Flagler SWA	Kit Carson	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Lark Bunting	9/2	3-5 winter pl.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Mark Chavez
Sparrow, Swamp	9/1	1 ad. winter pl.	Belmar Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield



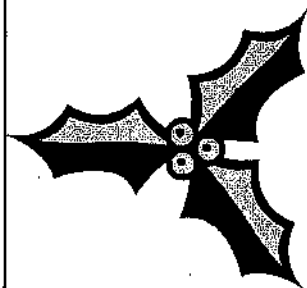
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Happy Birding New Year to you all!
From the DFO Officers and Volunteers.

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Species	Dates	Nr seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Red-throated Loon	10/23	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Red-throated Loon	10/29	1	Eleven Mile Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Common Loon	10/19-10/27	up to 8	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Common Loon	10/24	1	Dodd Res.	Boulder	Robert Spencer
Loon, yellow-billed	10/22	1	Spinney Mtn Res.	Park	Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Andrew Spencer, Nick Komar, Joey Kellner
Grebe, red-necked	10/22	1	Eleven Mile Res.	Park	Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Andrew Spencer, Nick Komar, Joey Kellner
Am. White Pelican	10/3	2500-4000	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Canvasback	10/11;10/13	14; 6	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Scoter, surf	10/13-10/15	1	Walker Pit, Franktown	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Scoter, surf	10/22	1	Antero Res.	Park	Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Andrew Spencer, Nick Komar, Joey Kellner
Scoter, surf	10/22	2	Eleven Mile Res.	Park	Allison Hilf, Tina Jones, Andrew Spencer, Nick Komar, Joey Kellner
Scoter, surf	10/23	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Scoter, surf	10/29	5	Eleven Mile Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Scoter, surf	10/29	3	Spinney Mtn Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Scoter, surf	10/29	11	Antero Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Scoter, white-winged	10/29	3	Spinney Mtn Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Scoter, white-winged	10/29	3	Antero Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Scoter, black	10/29	1	Spinney Mtn Res.	Park	Joey Kellner; Joe Roller, Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Duck, Long-tailed	10/24	2 (1 f, 1 juv.)	Loveland Lake	Larimer	Robert Spencer
Barrow's Goldeneye	10/29	10	Silverthorne-Blue River Water Tx Plant	Summit	Joey Kellner; Dick Schottler, Norm Erthal, Andrew Spencer, Lisa Edwards, Charlie Lawrence
Hawk, broad-winged	10/1	1	Crow Valley C/G	Weld	Lisa Edwards, Brandon Percival, Allison Hilf, Joe Roller, Joey Kellner
Hawk, red-tailed	10/28	56 - 5 dark phase + 1 white	Waterton	Jefferson	Hugh & Urling Kingery -1 absolutely white from head to tail, an amazing bird that inspired awe as it wheeled and soared.
Hawk, ferruginous	10/28	1	Waterton	Jefferson	Hugh & Urling Kingery

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Hawk, ferruginous	10/28	1	Waterton	Jefferson	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Plover, Black-bellied	10/3	2	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Golden-Plover, American	10/1	2	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Lisa Edwards, Brandon Percival, Allison Hilt, Joe Roller, Joey Kellner
Golden-Plover, American	10/2	1	Chatfield Res.	Douglas	Ira Sanders, Joey Kellner
Golden-Plover, American	10/3	2	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Golden-Plover, American	10/15	6	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Loch Kilpatrick, Charlie Lawrence, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Plover, semipalmated	10/15	2	Chatfield Res.	Douglas	Hugh & Urling Kingery, ASGD
Killdeer	10/3	1000+	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Hugh & Urling Kingery
Sandpiper, buff-breasted	10/1	1	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Lisa Edwards, Brandon Percival, Allison Hilt, Joe Roller, Joey Kellner
Phalarope, red-necked	10/1	1	Jackson Res.	Morgan	Lisa Edwards, Brandon Percival, Allison Hilt, Joe Roller, Joey Kellner
Phalarope, red-necked	10/8	1	Chatfield Res.	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Mobs
Phalarope, red	10/8	1	Chatfield Res.	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Mobs
Jaeger, Pomarine	10/3	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Jaeger, Pomarine	10/04-10/10	1	Chatfield Res.	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, Joe Roller, Mobs
Gull, lesser black-backed	10/24	1	Cherry Creek S.P.	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gull, Sabine's	10/14	1	Boulder Pond	Boulder	Robert Spencer
Gull, Sabine's	10/15	1	Prewitt Res.	Washington	Loch Kilpatrick, Charlie Lawrence, Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner



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Thank you for your support. Don't forget that the your membership is now due - there's a tear out form page12.

Dear Lark Bunting...



Dear DFO,

About 6 months ago, Mapmuse.com began a new project- the interactive mapping of birding clubs across the US. We initially researched and populated these maps ourselves, with the intent that the birding community would subsequently add to, and enhance, the information we provided. Each club was mapped, and space provided for a written description, photo, and link to a website. A few months later, at the suggestion of a visitor to our website, we added birding hotspots to our interactive mapping services. Since this project was launched, birding enthusiasts have made over 100 additions and enhancements to our maps. If you were one of these contributors, we'd like to thank you for your help!

I'm writing today to ask that if you know of any birding clubs in your local community that are new or have discontinued in the last six months, you make those changes to the maps. Please feel free to add any clubs that are still missing. Also, our birding hotspot map is a work in progress and we would love it if you could add your favorite spots. You can make changes through easy to use links on the site (if you have any problems, see <http://find.mapmuse.com/re1/mmFAQ.htm#A4>).

Link to the Birding Clubs Map: http://find.mapmuse.com/re1/interest.php?brandID=BIRDING_CLUBS

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If you have a birding blog, newsletter or website, link or a mention would be greatly appreciated. It is through links, and improving search results that we are able to provide this service free of charge.

Thanks,

Cindy Jett, Mapmuse.com, 1326 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Dear DFO,

Like us, you probably often get asked to make presentations about birds in your community. We can help! The **Cornell Lab of Ornithology** has developed several slide shows about birds and bird feeding, including a show about the birds most commonly seen in your region. PowerPoint versions of all of the shows are available to you **FREE** online.

We value the public education provided through nature centers, stores, and clubs such as yours and we appreciate your efforts to further enhance people's knowledge of birds. Please take advantage of these **free** programs by visiting <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/MediaSlideShows.htm> to download these presentations as well as optional scripts that accompany them. If you do not have digital projection equipment, 35 mm slide versions are also available for purchase.

You also will find a PDF flyer attached to this email with information about Project Feeder-Watch, which starts its 20th year on November 11. We would be grateful if you could post this flyer and encourage more people to participate. The more people counting the birds at their feeders, the more we can learn about the birds that we all enjoy.

Thanks for caring for the birds!

Sincerely, Your friends at Project FeederWatch and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology



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Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year (\$20 per year if you choose to have the newsletter sent by email). Student (age 21 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Chair Carolyn Cooley, 941 W. Kettle Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. The *Lark Bunting* is now mailed first class.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations.

Our web www.dfobirders.org lists current field trip schedules that you can download. Changes to trip schedules will be posted on the site.

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Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in Classroom 301. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you upstairs to the Classroom. Meetings start at **7:30 pm**, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (January 06) is .30 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver. The *Lark Bunting*, the DFO monthly newsletter, is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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